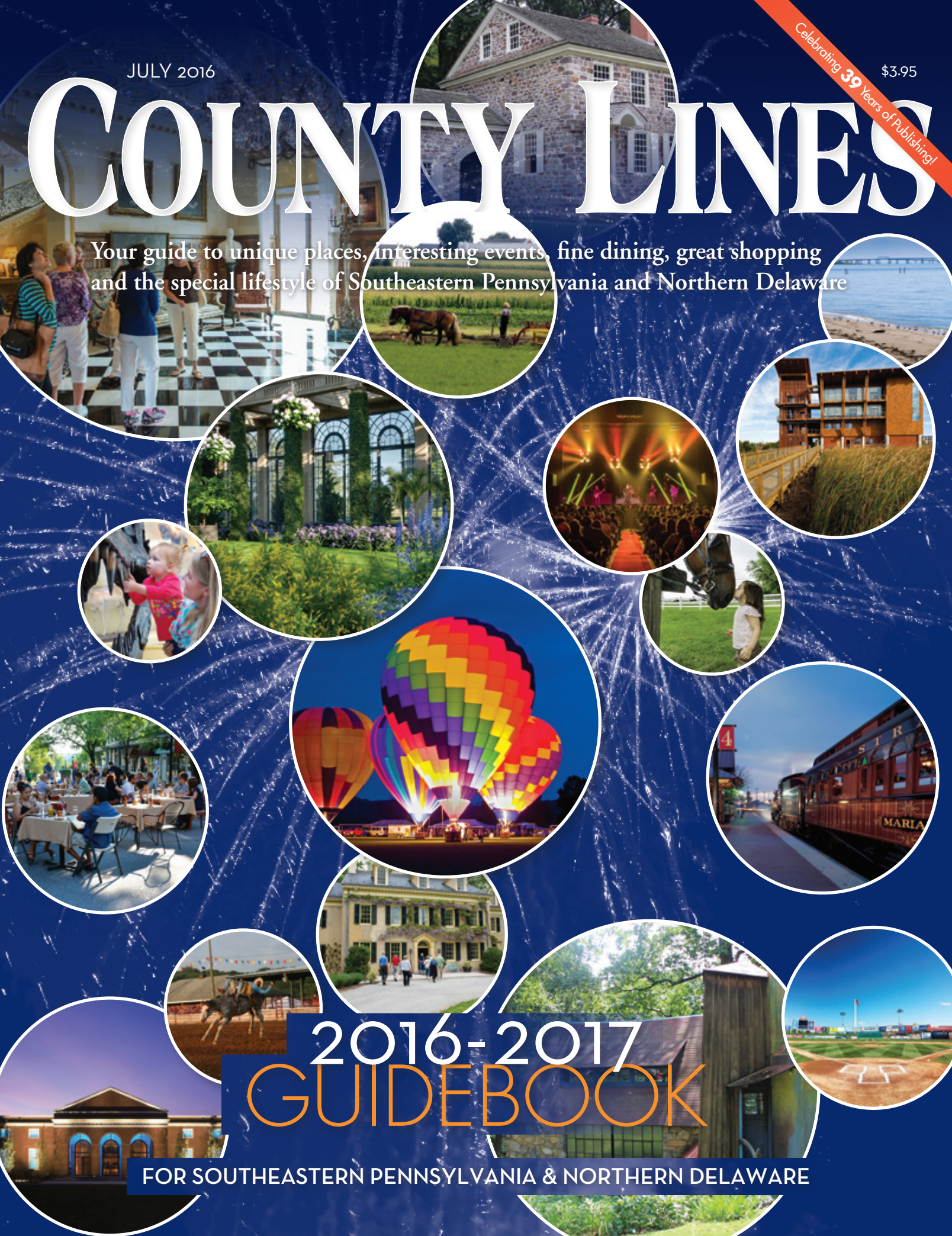


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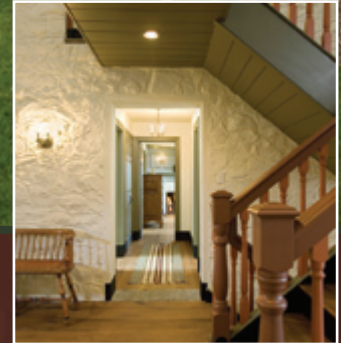


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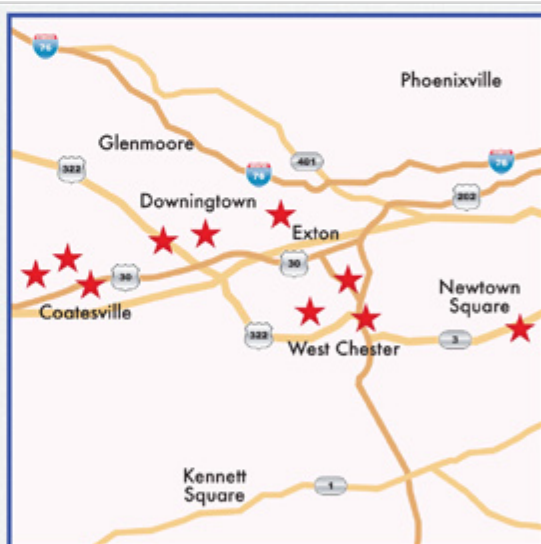
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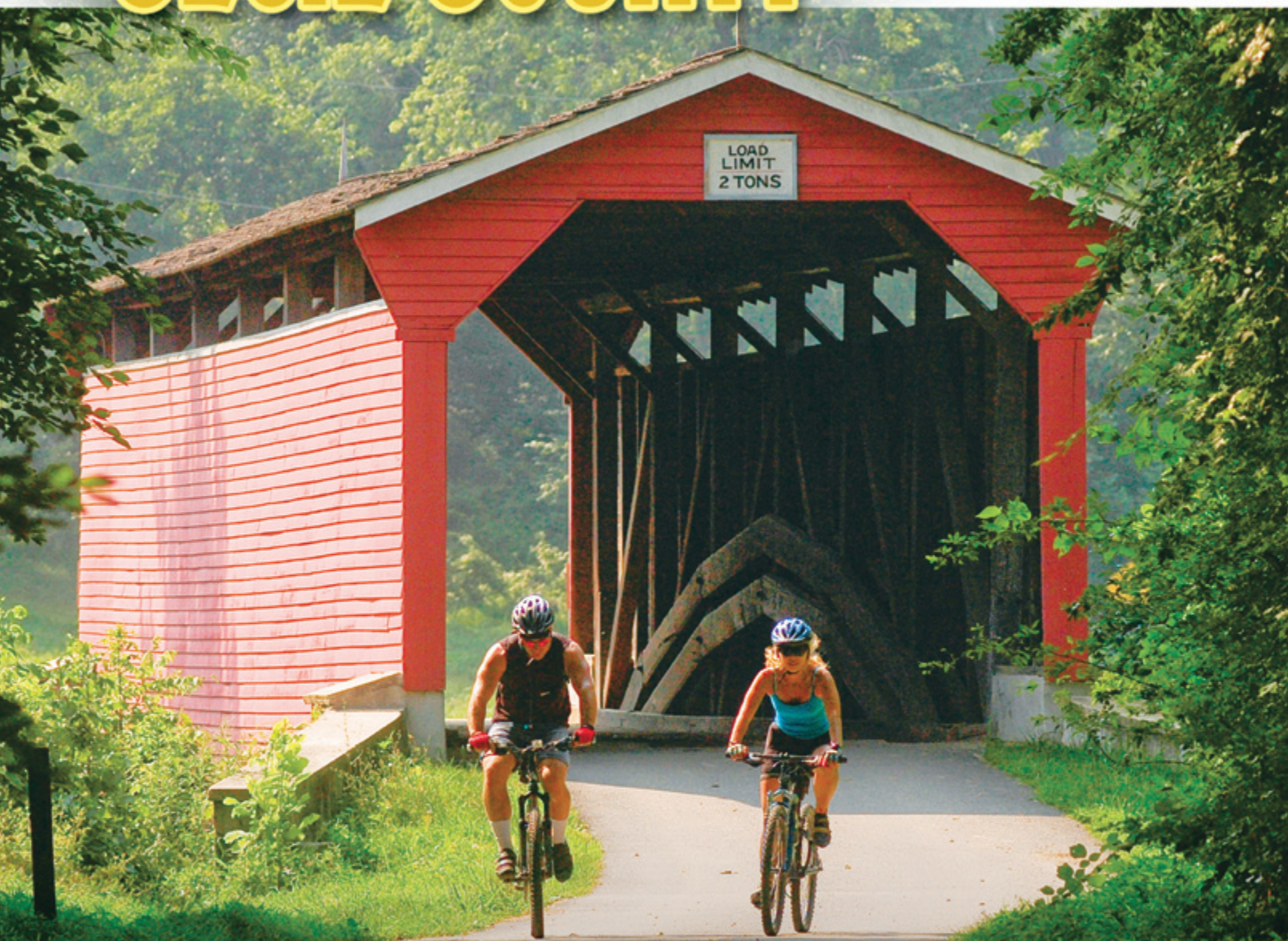
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Although no one talks about staycations these days, our area begs us to preserve the concept—explore your home turf. So, we're getting in our car and driving.

Where? We're checking out Longwood Garden's "Nightshade" exhibit, summer fun in Wilmington, buggy rides in Lancaster County, shopping on the Main Line and enjoying Valley Forge Park. In our annual area Guide, we've highlighted local history, museums, nature centers, places to go with the kids and more—all to help you discover what's out there to enjoy.

Want a weekend trip? Visit the Appalachian Trail in Cumberland County or the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland's Cecil County. We've got more suggestions in "Weekend Getaways"—from Spring Lake, New Jersey to the Greenbrier in West Virginia, something will certainly tempt you!

Closer to home we highlight what's happening at local farmers' markets, find observatories open to the public, celebrate independent school athletes, recommend great locally brewed beers and prize-winning local wines (plus some great whites from around the world). And, in "Finish Lines," we suggest cars to drive to your next high school or college reunion.

For arts fans, we've compiled our Fall Guide to the Arts with concerts and performances to enjoy for the next few months. And, as always, we have the Best Local Events, with a full page of Family Fun and fireworks to view during the whole month of July. All designed to make your summer even better!

Thank you for reading *County Lines*. And enjoy our own backyard!

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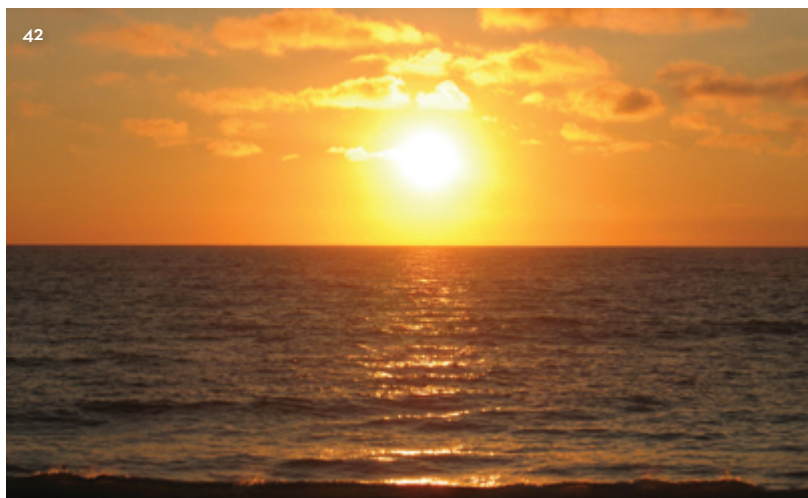
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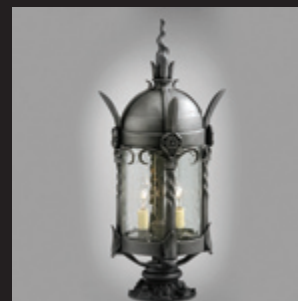


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JULY 2

Nottingham County Park Freedom Fest. 6–11 pm. 150 Park Rd. \$10. 610-932-2589; Chesco.org.

JULY 2–3

Penns Landing Concert and Fireworks. Dusk. Penn's Landing Great Plaza, Columbus Blvd. between Market & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

JULY 3

Long's Park Patriotic Concert & Fireworks. Dusk. Long's Park, 1441 Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster. Longs-Park.org.

Ridley Park Fireworks. Dusk. Eastlake Park, W. Ridley & Constitution, Ridley Park. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

JULY 4

Bethel Township Independence Day Fireworks, 9:30. Bethel Springs Elementary School, 3280 Foulk Rd., Garnet Valley. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

Downingtown's Good Neighbor Day. 9:30. Kerr Park, Rt. 282, Downingtown. GoodNeighborDay.com.

Narberth Fireworks. 9:30. Community Park, between Windsor, N. Wynnewood & Haverford Aves, Narberth. 610-664-2840; NarberthPa.com.

Philadelphia 4th of July Fireworks. 10:30. Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., VisitPhilly.com.

Phoenixville Annual Fireworks. Dusk. Friendship Field (Filmore St. & Franklin Ave.). 610-933-8801.

Radnor High School 4th of July Fireworks. Dusk. 130 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor. \$5–\$10; \$20 per car. Benefits Radnor Scholarship Fund. 610-688-5600; Radnor.com.

Tredyffrin/Easttown Concert & Fireworks. Dusk. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne. 610-644-1400.

Upper Merion Township Fireworks. Dusk. Heuser Park, 694 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia. 610-265-2600; UMTownship.org.

Waltz Golf Farm Fireworks. 9:45. Waltz Golf Farm, 303 W. Ridge Pk., Limerick. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

JULY 8

Parkesburg Fair / KVFD Carnival. Dusk. Minch Park, 300 W. Third Ave., Parkesburg. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

JULY 9

North Coventry Fire Company Fair. 10:30. Rt. 724, E of Coventry Mall, Pottstown. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

JULY 15

Malvern Fire Company Fair. 9:30. Malvern Memorial Grounds, Monument Ave., Malvern. 610-647-0693; Malvern-FireCo.com.

JULY 10

Exton Park. 9:30. 800 E. Swedesford Rd., Exton. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

JULY 16

Royersford Sacred Heart Fair. Dusk. Lewis Rd. & Walnut St., Royersford. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

JULY 29

Kimberton Fair. Dusk. 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. KimbertonFair.org.

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THROUGH AUGUST 21

Media Theatre—The Jungle Book. Heart-warming musical adventure based on Rudyard Kipling's story. *Media Theatre Co., 104 E. State St., Media. Sat, 11 am; Sun, noon. \$12–\$15. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.*

THROUGH AUGUST 24

Eagleview Movie Nights. Bring your blankets, chairs and a picnic dinner. *July 13, Minions; July 27, Inside Out; Aug. 10, The Dolphins Tale; Aug. 24, The Good Dinosaur.* Movies continue through Sept. 8. *Wellington Square, Eagleview. 7 pm. Free; canned food donations for Chester Co. Food Bank encouraged. 610-458-1900; InEagleview.com.*

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1

Swingin' Summer Thursdays. Great food, live music, clowns, artists, magicians, jugglers & more. *July 7, TBA; Aug. 4, Kevin McCove, second band TBA; Sept. 1, Groove Merchants and Lion's Paw. Gay St. between High & Darlington or High & Matlack. 6:30 to 9:30. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.*

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5

DE Museum of Natural History—Extreme Deep—Mission to the Abyss. Discover the mysteries of the ocean's greatest depths and the unusual creatures that thrive near them, deep-sea research submersibles and shipwrecks, including the Titanic. *4840 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Wilmington. Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. \$7–\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.*

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Morris Arboretum's Summer Garden Railway. Track features loops and tunnels with 15 different rail lines and two cable cars, nine bridges and model trains. *100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Mon–Fri, 10 to 4; Sat,*

Sun, 10 to 5; Wed until 8, June–Sept. \$8–\$16. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

JULY 2

Nottingham Park 2016 Freedom Fest. Concert, children's entertainment, food vendors and fireworks. *Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 6 to 11 pm. Rain date, July 5. \$10 parking fee. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

JULY 2–4, 9

Colonial PA Plantation. July 2–4, "When in the Course of Human Events"—A 4th of July Celebration and Picnic, 11 to 4. **July 9,** Pirate Splash Day for Kids, bring your swimsuit, noon to 4. *Ridley Creek State Park, 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. \$8–\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.*

JULY 4

Marple-Newtown Fourth of July Parade. The parade steps off from St. Alban's Circle & West Chester Pk., Newtown Square at 10 am. *Facebook.*

JULY 4

Valley Forge National Park—July 4th Community Picnic in the Park. Artillery demonstrations, games, a cook-out and music. Meet one of the Founding Fathers and sign the Declaration of Independence. *N. Outer Line Dr., Valley Forge. 11 to 3. Food available for purchase. Free. 610-783-1099; NPS.Gov/VaFo.*

JULY 4

Good Neighbor Day in Downingtown. The day begins with the Run for Life and 5K Freedom Walk at 8 am. Then food, vendors and other activities. Fireworks Grand Finale at dusk. Benefits area emergency providers. *610-285-1119; GoodNeighborDay.com.*

JULY 7–AUGUST 25, Thursdays

Brandywine River Museum of Art—Museum Explorers Family Workshop. Interactive tour and art activity inspired by



the exhibition, "Get the Picture! Contemporary Children's Book Illustration." For children ages two to eight accompanied by an adult. *1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 10 and 11 am. \$5 per child/one adult, free. 610.388.2700; Brandywine.org.*

JULY 8–10

Blobfest at the Colonial Theatre. Festivities begin with the "Running Out of the Theatre" scene reenactment, Fri, 7:30. Other highlights: contests, food, a street fair, film screenings and, of course, multiple showings of *The Blob*. *227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. \$6–\$10. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.*

JULY 12–16

Malvern Fire Company Fair. Every night is Family Night at this fair with rides and games. *Monument Grounds, Monument Ave., Malvern. Daily, 6 to 10. Fireworks, Fri, 9:30 pm. 610-647-0693; MalvernFireCo.com.*

JULY 15, AUGUST 19

Westtown Twp. Movie Nights at Oakbourne Park. Kick back and relax in the park to watch a movie. **July 15, Inside Out; Aug. 19, The Princess Bride.** *1014 S. Concord Rd., Westtown. 8 pm. Free. WesttownPA.org.*

JULY 24, AUGUST 21

Tyler Arboretum's Summer Festivals. July 24, Wacky Water Festival—learn how nature keeps its cool. **Aug. 21,** Bugs & Butterflies Festival—visit the Butterfly House to see live butterflies in all stages, then hold your favorite insects at the Amazing Arthropods demonstration by the Academy of Natural Sciences. *515 Painter Rd., Media. 10 to 2. \$7–\$11. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.*

AUGUST 1–6

67th Annual Goshen Country Fair. An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides and entertainment. Benefits the Volunteer Goshen Fire Company. *Gates open 6 pm. Fair Grounds, Park Ave., off West Chester Pk. 610-430-1554; GoshenCountryFair.org.*

AUGUST 3

4th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. The Borough Police Dept. invites families to enjoy live entertainment, refreshments, kid's activities, police displays, fire and EMS vehicles and a meet-and-greet with local responders. *Municipal Bldg., 401 E. Gay St., West Chester. 6 to 9. West-Chester.com.*



ART & CRAFT SHOWS.....

THROUGH OCTOBER

Wrapped Up: Yarnbombing at Morris Arboretum. Fiber artist Melissa Maddonni Haims weaves her magic at the Morris Arboretum on some of its iconic trees and sculptures. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Daily 10 to 4, weekends until 5. \$9–\$17. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER

Inside Out—2016. The Phila. Museum of Art sends high-quality reproductions of the works of the world's most renowned artists to area sites for viewing. *Through July*, Coatesville exhibit at Chester Valley Bank, E. Lincoln Hwy. & First Ave. *Aug–Nov.*, Phoenixville's exhibit, location TBD. PhilaMuseum.org/Exhibitions/841.html.

JULY 30–31

PA Guild of Craftsmen Fine Craft Fair. Almost 200 craftspeople participate in this crafts fair, now in its 9th year. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$8. 717-431-8706; PA-Crafts.org.

CAR SHOW.....

JULY 17

9th Annual Media Downtown Car Show.

Over 200 antique cars on display throughout State & Front Sts. Shops and restaurants will be open. State St. 11 to 4. Rain date, July 24. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPa.com.

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FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS, JUNE–SEPTEMBER

Brandywine Polo. Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$10–\$15; Sun, gates open at 1:30; polo at 3. \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

THROUGH JULY 3, JULY 5–10, 11–12

Brandywine Valley Summer Series. *July 3, 5–10*, a premier hunter/jumper/equitation horse show benefitting Chester County Food Bank and the Making a Dream Grant within the USHJA Foundation. *July 11–12*, East Coast US Junior Hunter Championships and Hunterdon Cup. Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. Free. 484-401-6278; BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com.

FESTIVALS.....

JULY 2–10

Kutztown Folk Festival. Celebrating the PA Dutch culture. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Sat–Sun, 10 to 8; Mon–Fri, 10 to 6. \$5–\$14; under 12, free. 888-674-6136; KutztownFestival.com.

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JULY 22-30

The Cecil County Fair. Highlights include the carnival midway, demolition derby, tractor and truck pulls, a rodeo and shows. Fair Hill Fairgrounds, Rts. 273 & 213, Elkton, MD. 9 to 11. \$2-\$5. 410-392-3440; CecilCountyFair.org.

FOOD & BEVERAGE.....

THROUGH SEPT. 30, WEDNESDAYS

Stroll, Shop, Dine—Dining Under the Stars in Media. Wednesday is the night to dine out in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State St., from Jackson to Orange Sts.

Entertainment, activities on each block. 5 to 11. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

JULY 16

Summerfest Live 2016! Craft Beer & Music Festival. Indoor and covered outdoor beer gardens, over 200 beers to taste, food trucks, musical acts, and more. XFINITY Live!, 1100 Pattison Ave., Phila. 3 to 7. \$20-\$60. Everfest.com/Pennsylvania/Philadelphia-Festivals.

JULY 16

Cecil County Food & Wine Festival. Live

music, wine tastings, great food, shopping and craft vendors. North East Comm. Park, 106 S. Main St., North East, MD. 11 to 6. \$10-\$25. 443-687-WINE; CecilWineFest.com.

JULY 28

Toasts and Tunes Wine Tasting at Tyler Arboretum. Cool off with a sampling of fine wines, a selection of hors d'oeuvres and live music. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 6 to 8 pm. \$35. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

JULY 30

Willistown Conservation Trust 9th Annual Tomato Tasting. Enjoy a summer evening with tomatoes (many types presented in a variety of ways), beer and wine. Rushton Farm, 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 5 to 7. \$35. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.

FUNDRAISERS.....

JULY 16

Tip-a-Canoe and Barbecue, Too! Take a canoe trip down the Brandywine then enjoy a barbecue and barn dance. Benefits the Brandywine Conservancy. Advance reg. required. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Noon to 10 pm. \$35-\$90. 610-388-8315; YoungFriends.org.

GARDENS & PLANTS.....

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

THROUGH OCTOBER 31

Individual House Tours at Chanticleer Garden. Special, 45-minute tours introduce the garden and take visitors through the first floor of the Chanticleer house. In a small group, learn more about the Rosengarten family, Chanticleer's history and life on the Main Line. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. Fri, Sat, 11 am. \$15 includes general admission. 610-687-4163; ChanticleerGarden.org.

AUGUST 3-OCTOBER 29

Longwood Gardens—Nightscape. Come experience color, light and sound as they emerge from the Gardens to create an evening you'll never forget—with a few new surprises this year. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 9 am to 11 pm. \$17-\$27. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

MUSEUMS.....

See "Daytrips & Outings" and "Museums" in the Guidebook.

JULY 5, AUGUST 2

Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve—Evenings at the Museum. July 5, Stanleys and Racing; Factory Performance Cars and Specials; Aug. 2, new exhibition on the revival of the Stanley Steamer open house. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 7 pm. \$5. 302-239-2385; AuburnHeights.org.

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THROUGH AUGUST 23

West Goshen Summer Concerts. West Goshen Comm. Park, N. Five Points & Fern Hill Rds., West Chester. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-696-5266; WGoshen.org.

JULY 1–AUGUST 5

Delaware County Summer Festival. Grab your blankets and enjoy these summer performances. *July 1*, Raggaie Thunder; *July 2*, Upper Darby Sousa Band; *July 3*, John Hoey Orchestra; *July 6*, Sensational Soul Cruisers; *July 7*, Rumours: Tribute to Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks; *July 8*, FuseBox; *July 9*, Phillbilly; *July 10*, The Original Orlons; *July 13*, Merion Concert Band; *July 14*, Forever Tina; *July 15*, British Invasion Tribute; *July 16*, Upper Darby Summer Stage Shooting Stars; *July 17*, Robert Eric Band: Tribute to Billy Joel; *July 20*, Makin' Music Rockin' Rhythms; *July 21*, The Big House Band; *July 22*, Jeff Campbell & Friends; *July 23*, The Land of Ozz; *July 24*, Charlie Gracie; *July 27*, Live at the Fillmore; *July 28*, Hot Club of Phila: Gypsy Jazz; *July 29*, Brandywine Ballet; *July 30*, PA Symphonic Winds; *July 31*, The Rockdale Boys; *Aug. 3*, Bryn Mawr Mainliners; *Aug. 4*, The Rockafillys; *Aug. 5*, Mind's Eye View. Concerts through Aug. 14. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. 7:30. Free. 610-891-4455; Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer.Park.org.

JULY 2

Spotlight Concert at Trinity Presbyterian Church—Ronstadt Generations. Five generations continue the family's musical traditions with rich harmonies sung in English and Spanish accompanied by cello and guitars. 640 Berwyn Ave., Berwyn. 7 pm. Free-will offering. Spotlight.TrinityBerwyn.com.

JULY 2–AUGUST 6

Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series. *July 1*, Broken Arrow: Neil Young Tribute Band; *July 2*, Dar Williams, Jonathan Doh and Richard Douglass; *July 9*, Christine Havrilla & Andrea Nardello's Lilith Fair Tribute; *July 16*, Susan Werner; *July 23*, John Gorka w/Mark Schultz; *July 29*, Lisa Willson Vocal Academy; *July 30*, Cheryl Wheeler w/Bruce Rits Gilbert and Matt Lyons; *Aug. 6*, Trespass—Genesis Tribute Band. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$12–\$15. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

JULY 3–15

Longwood Gardens Summer Concert Series. Get your tickets early as the summer lineup is heating up! *July 3*, Chick Corea Trio, \$40–\$70; *July 6*, Natalia Lafourcade \$30–\$50; *July 9*, David Wax Museum, American, Irish, and Mexo-Americana folk music; *July 15*, Recess



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Long's Park Summer Music Series. *July 3*, Pershing's Own U.S. Army Band; *July 9*, J.C. Fetlock, The Love Bomb; *July 10*, The Suffers; *July 16*, Stu Huggens with The Wild Hymns, 7 pm; *July 17*, Morgan James; *July 23*, Amy Banks Presents a Motown Love Story; *July 24*, Alo Brasil; *July 31*, Pimps of Joytime; *Aug. 7*, March Fourth! Marching Band. Concerts through August 28. Long's Park Amphitheater, 1441 Harrisburg Pike at Rt. 30, Lancaster. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Free. 717-735-8883; Longs-Park.org.

JULY 4–28

Summer in the Park Concert Series at Wilson Farm Park. *July 4*, Chester County Concert Band (fireworks follow at sunset); *July 14*, Dirk Quinn Band; *July 21*, Southern Edge; *July 28*, FuseBox. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. 610-408-3626; Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

JULY 4–31

Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars. *July 4*, Mango Men at Heuser Park, 694 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia with a carnival and fireworks, concert at 4 pm, fireworks follow; *July 10*, Phila. Folksong Society welcomes Craig Bickhardt, Ronstadt Generations, Beaucoup Blue; *July 17*, Gaelic Storm; *July 24*, Lauren Hart with Jimi Kendrick; *July 31*, WXPn welcomes Trout Fishing in America with special guest Dana Louise & the Glorious Birds. Township Bldg. Park, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. 6 pm. Free. 484-636-3899; UMTownship.org.

JULY 6

Friends of the Summer Stage Concert. The Weight performs at Valley Creek Park, 361 Morehall Rd., Malvern. 6:30 pm. Free. FriendsOfSummerStage.com.

JULY 6–AUGUST 3

Summer Concert Series at Anson B. Nixon Park. *July 6*, Crossroads; *July 13*, Jane Lee Hooker, R&B and rock n' roll; *July 20*, Mercury Radio Theater; *July 27*, Angelee. Light supper available for purchase. Concerts though Aug. 10. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 7 to 9 pm. Free. 610-444-1416; AnsonBNixonPark.org.

JULY 7, AUGUST 21

World Cafe Live at the Queen. Check their website for shows, tickets and times. *July 7*, The Yardbirds; *Aug. 21*, Johnny Winter All Star Band. 500 N. Market St., Wilmington. 302-994-1400; Queen.WorldCafeLive.com.

JULY 7–AUGUST 25

Uptown! Entertainment Presents ... First Thursdays, local bands perform, 8 to 11, \$10. **July 28, Aug. 25**, Broadway in the Borough, The Resident Theatre Co. with New York performers in a cabaret setting, 7 to 9, \$24. Sprout Music Collective, 130 E. Prescott Alley, West Chester. Visit UptownWestChester.org for details on these and other performances.

JULY 8

Friday Night Lights at ChesLen Preserve. A 21-and-older event with live music, adult beverages, delicious treats, stargazing with professional astronomers at the 1,300-acre ChesLen Preserve in Unionville. Bring a blanket or chair and wear sturdy shoes. 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. Adv. reg. req. 8 to 11. \$25–\$45. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

JULY 9–AUGUST 30

Performances at The Grand. Check their website for a complete list, times and tickets. **July 9**, Delaware Contemporary Dance Theatre; **July 13**, The Beach Boys; **July 21**, Eddie Izzard—force majeure; **Aug. 30**, “Weird Al” Yankovic—The Mandatory World Tour. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 800-37-GRAND; TheGrandWilmington.org.

JULY 10–AUGUST 21

Miller Park Summer Concert Series. **July 10**, Greaseband at Exton Park, 900 E. Swedesford Rd., Exton, fireworks at 9:30. **July 24**, Slippery Band; **Aug. 7**, Rob Snyder; **Aug. 21**, Wallstreet. Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton. 6:30. Free. Rain dates the following Sunday. 610-363-9525; WestWhiteland.org.

JULY 12–AUGUST 9

Eagleview Town Center Concerts on the Square. **July 12**, Nik Greeley & The Operators; **July 19**, Quinn Sullivan, Hannah Taylor & The Rekardo Lee Trio; **July 26**, Liz Vice; **Aug. 2**, Family Night! Better N’ Recess, Nalani & Sarina; **Aug. 9**, John Byrne Band. Concerts through Aug. 30. Canned food items requested for Chester County Food Bank. Wellington Square, Eagleview. 7 pm. Free. In case of rain, visit Facebook.com/eagleviewtc.

JULY 13

Radnor Summer Concert. Chico’s Vibe performs at Bo Connor Park, 590 S. Devon Ave., Wayne. 6:30 pm. Free. Rain date July 14. 610-688-5600; Radnor.com/Recreation.

JULY 15

Music on the Brandywine. Brandywine River Museum of Art hosts an evening with Deb Callahan Band. Cash bar and food available for purchase. 1 Hoffman’s Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 7 pm. \$10–\$15. 610-388-2700; Brandy-wine.org.

JULY 15–31

Delaware Shakespeare Festival at Rockwood Museum & Park. Bring a blanket and a picnic, come for the pre-show then enjoy *The Comedy of Errors*. 4651 Washington St. Extension, Wilmington. Wed–Sat, gates open 6:30; Sun, 4:45. \$13–\$17. 302-415-3373; DelShakes.org.

JULY 15–31, FRIDAY–SUNDAY

Rodney Square Summer Stage. Great music from local talent and favorites. Held throughout Wilmington. Free. CityFestWilm.com/Rodney-Square-Summer-Stage.

JULY 16

Community Arts Center—Tie Dye Music Festival. Tie-dye activities, vendors, food and lots of music. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 2 to 7 pm. Free. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

JULY 16, 30

Paradocx Vineyard Summer Concert Series. **July 16**, Splashing Pearls; **July 30**, Whiskey Hicken Boys. 1833 Flint Hill Rd., Landenberg. 5 to 9. \$10. 610-255-5684; Paradocx.com.



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JULY 21

Ladybug Music Festival. The line-up is coming soon for this all-day block party with lots of entertainment at 2nd & Loma, Wilmington. 5 to 10 pm. Free. TheLadyBugFestival.com.

JULY 21, AUGUST 18

Music at Marshall Square Park. Come to the gazebo in Marshall Square Park for these picnic concerts. Visit the website for performers. 248 E. Marshall St., West Chester. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-436-9010; MarshallSquarePark.org.

JULY 23, 24, 30

Chester County Pops Orchestra 2015 Summer Concerts. Audience favorites from the Beatles and *Miss Saigon* will have you singing along. **July 23**, Immaculata Univ., 1145 King Rd., Immaculata, 7 pm; **July 24**, Phoenixville Area Middle School, 1330 Main St., 3 pm; **July 30**, Fugett Middle School, 500 Ellis La., West Chester, 7 pm. \$15-\$20; children free. 610-594-9178; ChesCoPops.org.

JULY 30

The Annual Peoples' Festival Tribute to Bob Marley. Annual celebration of music and arts, to preserve and honor the legacy of Bob Marley. Top artists, food, dancing and more. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr., Wilmington. Noon to 10 pm. PeoplesFestival.com.

JULY 31

Shakespeare in the Park—A Midsummer Night's Dream. Bring a picnic, a blanket and the family for this beloved comedy presented by PA Leadership Charter School's Ctr. for Performing Arts. Hoopes Park Ln., West Chester. 4 pm. Free. 610-701-3333; PALCS.org/cpfa/.

AUGUST 5-7

Riverfront Blues Festival in Wilmington. The blues are back! This outdoor music festival is held at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr., Wilmington. Check website for tickets. 302-576-3095; RiverfrontBluesFest.com.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

JULY 10

Pottstown Criterium Bike Race. Downtown Pottstown, High to Charlotte to Walnut to Hanover to High Sts. Course is 1K with

staging at High & Hanover Sts. Reg. at BikeReg.com. \$25-\$30. For info: USACycling.org/Events.

JULY 23, AUGUST 13, SEPTEMBER 10

Schuylkill River Pedal and Paddle. Take a 4.5 mile bike ride from Pottstown's Riverfront Park to Historic Morlatton Village in Douglassville. Lunch, bikes, kayaks and all kayaking gear are provided. 9 to 2. \$40. To register phone 484-945-0200 or visit SchuylkillRiver.org.

THEATERS.....

THROUGH JULY 10

The Harassment of Iris Malloy. An adaptation of Linda Sue Park's Newbery Award-winning novel. A powerful and uplifting coming-of-age story follows an orphan who strives to find a better life. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$27-\$47. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

THROUGH JULY

Free Theatre in the Parks. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, sit back and enjoy Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company's *Tartuffe*. Check their website for the many park locations in the area. All are free. CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org.

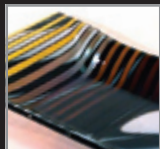


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JULY 21–23, 28–30

Brandywiners, Ltd.—Shrek The Musical.

Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, Rt. 1, Kennett Square. \$15–\$30 includes garden admission; fountain display after the show. 8 pm. 302-478-3355; Brandywiners.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

JULY 1, 9, 21

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Malvern Stroll, MalvernBusiness.com; **Third Thursday on State Street, Kennett Square**, HistoricKennettSquare.com.

JULY 14

Chadds Ford Hist. Society—Tavern Talks.

A new series for adults, 21 and older, focusing on early American history and culture with activities, food and drink tastings. This month, “LiberTEA! EqualiTEA!” Barns Brinton House, 6030 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 7 to 9. \$10. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFord-History.org.

JULY 7–AUGUST 25

Town Tours & Village Walks. “Celebrating 300 Years of Iron and Steel Heritage.” **July 7**, Centuries of Iron and Steel Continue in Coatesville;



July 14, 300 Years of Iron & Steel: Supplying Freedom by Trolley! Historic Yellow Springs; **July 21**, Historic Sugartown; **July 28**, Hibernia Mansion and Iron Master Plantation; **Aug. 4**, Joanna Furnace: An Archaeological Triumph; **Aug. 11**, Carver Court: A Living Legacy, Coatesville; **Aug. 18**, East Pikeland Hist. District; **Aug. 25**, Pine Forge Academy & Hopewell Nat'l Hist. Site. Tours begin at 5:30 last tour at 7. Free. 610-344-6923; ChesCo.org/Planning/TownTours.

AT THE WINERY.....

THROUGH JUNE

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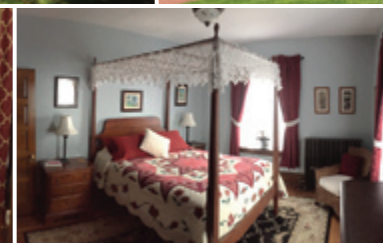


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July, Tomato Fest & Peach Palooza (check web for dates); *July 11*, children's author Cathy Macri; *July 20*, Small Batch Kitchen's jams and jellies.

Kerr Park, 1 Park La. Sat, 9 to 1.
GrowingRootsPartners.com.

EAGLEVIEW FARMERS MKT.

July, Tomato Fest & Peach Palooza (check web for dates); *July 21*, Tesla Apiary Honey and Small Batch Kitchen's jams and jellies.
Eagleview Town Ctr. Thurs, 3 to 7.
GrowingRootsPartners.com.

EAST GOSHEN FARMERS MKT.

Through Oct. 6, live music, craft vendors, food trucks, kids activities, antique car shows ... the list goes on. Check website.
1580 Paoli Pk. Thurs, 3 to 7.
EastGoshenFarmersMarket.org.

JENNERSVILLE MKT.

352 N. Jennersville Rd. Wed, 3 to 7.
Facebook.com/JennersvilleFarmersMarket

KENNETT SQUARE FARMERS MKT.

Through Oct., live music, special craft vendors, mini festivals (check web for dates).
E. State St. Fri, 2 to 6.
HistoricKennettSquare.com.

LANCASTER CO. FARMERS MKT.

389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne.
Wed & Fri, 8 to 6; Sat, 8 to 4.
LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

MALVERN FARMERS MKT.

July, Tomato Fest & Peach Palooza (check web for dates); *July 9*, Dog-Gone Crazy (rescues and products); *July 23*, Tesla Apiary Honey

and Small Batch Kitchen's jams and jellies.
Burke Park, Roberts Rd. & S. Warren Ave.
Sat, 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com.

MEDIA FARMERS MKT.

Through Aug., Media Library brings kids activities, performances by local young talent and, each week, a local business is spotlighted.

State St. between Monroe & Gayley.
Thurs, 3 to 7. MediaFarmersMarket.com.

NEWTOWN SQ. FARMERS MKT.

Mostardi Nursery parking lot
4033 West Chester Pk. Wed, 2 to 6.
NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.com.

OXFORD VILLAGE MKT.

July 5, 19, Aug. 2, Kid's Corner, ECO-friendly activities for kids to do while parents shop.
3rd & Locust Sts. Tues, noon to 6.
DowntownOxfordPA.org.

PHOENIXVILLE FARMERS MKT.

Through Oct., live music, craft vendors, food trucks and kids play area.
200 Mill St., under Gay St. Bridge. Sat, 9 to 1.
PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

SWARTHMORE FARMERS MKT.

341 Dartmouth Ave., Swarthmore Co-Op.
Sat, 10 to 2. FarmToCity.org.

THORNTON FARMERS MKT.

330 Glen Mills Rd. Sat, 11 to 2.
Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket.

WEST CHESTER GROWERS MKT.

Monthly giveaways, many nonprofit guests (rescues, scouts, conservancies), food collections.
Chestnut & Church Sts. Sat, 9 to 1.
WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

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WesttownAmishMarket.net.

See our Farmers Markets page on our website for more farm markets. CountyLinesMagazine.com

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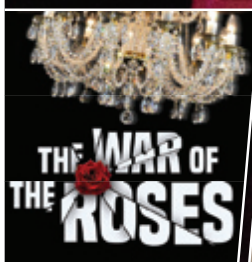
So the Treasure Was Divided, from *The Fate of a Treasure Town*, by Howard Pyle, in *Harper's Monthly Magazine*, December 1905. Howard Pyle (1853–1911). Oil on canvas, 19 1/2 x 29 1/2 inches. Delaware Art Museum Purchase, 1912.

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We've compiled this **Guide to the Arts** to give you a preview of what the Fall season promises, covering a wide range of area venues, local performance groups, special events and series that are happening this summer and into the Fall.

THEATERS & VENUES WITH MUSIC, DANCE & THEATER PERFORMANCES

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AmericanMusicTheatre.com

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227 Bridge St., Phoenixville

TheColonialTheatre.com; PointEntertainment.com

* *TedX, Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular, Blobfest*

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Alumnae Hall Theater, Immaculata. Immaculata.edu

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102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Sq. KennettFlash.org

* *TVC15—David Bowie Tribute, Beatlemania Again*

Keswick Theatre of Performing Arts

A 1,300-seat venue hosting well-known acts and bands with state-of-the-art sound and light equipment.

291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. KeswickTheatre.com

* *Squeeze, An Evening with Graham Nash*

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1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square

LongwoodGardens.org

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Rt. 72, Cornwall. PARenFaire.com

Neumann University, Meagher Theatre

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1 Neumann Dr., Aston. Neumann.edu

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300 Hartman Bridge Rd., Strasburg. Sight-Sound.com

* *Joseph, The Miracle of Christmas*

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121 N. Walnut St., Ste. 320, West Chester

UptownWestChester.org

* *Broadway in the Borough*

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42 N. Prince St., Lancaster. ArtsMu.com

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Queen.WorldCafeLive.com

* *KRush and Alive! '75, Jelly Roll & Whitney Peyton*

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Broad & Locust Sts. AcademyOfMusic.org

* *Yannick and Yuja, Daphnis and Chloé, Steve Martin and Martin Short*

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People's Light, *Sense and Sensibility*



Delaware Theatre Company, *Diner*

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* *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*

The Dell Music Center

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Ridge Ave. & W. Huntingdon St. MyDellEast.com

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

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300 S. Broad St. KimmelCenter.org

* *Yanni, Broadway Philadelphia, Anthony Bourdain*

The Mann Center for Performing Arts

Located in Philadelphia's beautiful Fairmount Park, continues its rich tradition as the greater Philadelphia region's premiere outdoor cultural arts center.

5201 Parkside Ave. MannCenter.org

* *Bob Dylan, Phillip Phillips & Matt Nathanson*

World Café Live

See: *World Café Live at the Queen in Wilmington.*

3025 Walnut St. Philly.WorldCafeLive.com

EVENTS & SERIES

Anson Nixon Park Concert Series

Through Aug. 10

Enjoy free summer concerts on Wednesday evenings surrounded by the park's beautiful scenery.

Waterworks Dr., Kennett Sq. AnsonBNixonPark.org

Chester City 87th Old Fiddlers Picnic, Aug. 13

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Hibernia County Park, Wagontown

ChesCo.org/CCParks

Delaware County Summer Festival

Through Aug. 14

Gather on the hillside for over 40 performances from a myriad of musical and dance genres.

Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252, Media

Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer

* *Charlie Gracie, Blackthorn, Mind's Eye View*

Eagleview Town Center Concerts on the Square

Through Aug. 30

Not only concerts but movie nights, Shakespeare in the Park and family festivals.

Wellington Square, Exton. InEagleview.com

Long's Park Summer Music Series

Through Aug. 28

Spend Sunday nights delighting in the more than 50-year-old tradition of free summer concerts.

1441 Harrisburg Pk., Rt. 30, Lancaster

LongPark.org

* *Patriotic Pershing Band, Amy Banks*

Media Jazz By Night, Nov. 19

For over 14 years, this annual festival serves up a lively night full of authentic jazz.

State Street, Media. StateStreetBlues.com

Media State Street Blues Stroll, June, 2017

A summer evening of performances complete with gospel, R&B, blues & country. StateStreetBlues.com

Musikfest, Aug. 5-14

Ten days of more than 500 free and several ticketed performances in Bethlehem's historic district.

22 W. Broad Street, Bethlehem. Musikfest.org

* *Aretha Franklin, Run DMC, Lady Antebellum, Boston, Don Henley*

Paoli Blues Fest, Oct. 1

For blues lovers and just about anyone who likes to eat, dance, shop and enjoy great music.

41 Paoli Plaza, Paoli. PaoliBluesFest.com

* *Little Buddy Blues Band, Russ Lambert*

PA Renaissance Faire, Aug. 6-Oct. 30

The castle gates swing wide-open for mirth and merriment amidst jousting knights and royal delights.

2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim. PARenFaire.com

Philadelphia Folk Festival, Aug. 18-21

Honor both national and emerging acts at the Philly Folk Festival's 54th Anniversary.

Old Pool Farm, 1323 Salford Station Rd.

Schwenksville. PFS.org

Riverfront Blues Fest, Aug. 6-7

Three days of Blues on the Riverfront.

Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, 80 Rosa Parks Dr., Wilmington. RiverfrontBluesFestDE.com

* *Koko Taylor, Pinetop Perkins, Elvin Bishop*

Turks Head Music Festival, July 17

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Everhart Park, W. Miner St., West Chester

TurksheadFestival.com

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700 S. High St., West Chester. BrandywineBallet.com

* *Colors, The Nutcracker, Beauty and the Beast*

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TheBrandywineSingers.org

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HarrisonDanceStudios.com

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ChesterCountyChoralSociety.org

Chester County Pops Orchestra

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P.O. Box 2468, West Chester. ChesCoPops.org

Delaware County Symphony

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Meagher Theatre Life Center, Concord Rd., Aston

DCSMusic.org

Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester County

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P.O. Box 195, West Chester. GSSChesco.org

* *Cox and Box—A Musical Comedy, Ruddigore*

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1145 King Rd., Immaculata. ImmaculataSymphony.org

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106 W. State St., Kennett Sq. KennettSymphony.org

* *Postcards from Abroad*

Lancaster Symphony Orchestra

Entertaining and educating the south central PA community through live musical performances.

226 N. Arch St., Lancaster. LancasterSymphony.org

* *Beethoven & Brahms, Mozart Requiem*

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VF Mid Sch, 105 W. Walker Rd., Wayne. MLSO.org

* *Austrian Treasures, Beautiful Americana*

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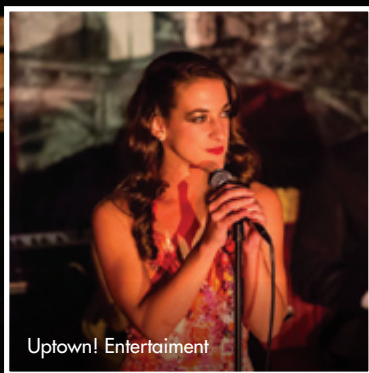
411 W. King St., Lancaster. OperaLancaster.com

Reading Symphony Orchestra

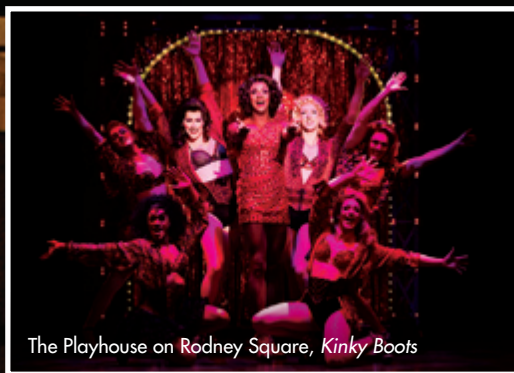
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Santander Performing Arts Center

136 N. 6th St., Reading. ReadingSymphony.com



Uptown! Entertainment



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Concerts in Eagleview

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Strath Haven Middle School, S. Providence Rd.
Wallingford. RVCO.org

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1014 Sweet Cherry Ct., Wilmington
SerafinQuartet.org

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118 Park Ave., Swarthmore
SwarthmoreBalletTheatre.com

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P.O. Box 203, Gladwyne. VoxAmadeus.org
* *Bach Soirée, Viva Vivaldi Extravaganza*

PERFORMANCE GROUPS, SCHOOLS

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Premier professional contemporary ballet company performing at McShain Performing Arts Center, Rosemont College, 1400 Montgomery Ave, Rosemont.
1708 Lancaster Ave., Floor 2, Paoli. Ballet180.org

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1708 Lancaster Ave., Floor 2, Paoli. Ballet180.org

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225 N. High St., West Chester
WestChesterStudio.com

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1240 Montrose Ave., Bryn Mawr
WolfPerformingArtsCenter.org

DELAWARE

Brandywine Baroque

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The Barn at Flintwoods, 205 Center Meeting Rd., Wilmington. BrandywineBaroque.org

Delaware Women's Chorus

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MusicSchoolOfDelaware.org

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410 Upper Snuff Mill Row, Yorklyn
ChorusOfTheBrandywine.com

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P.O. Box 1870, Wilmington. DelawareSymphony.org
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818 N. Market St., Floor 3R, Wilmington
FirstStateBallet.com
* *The Nutcracker*

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1420 Locust St., Ste. 210. OperaPhila.org
* *Macbeth, Turandot, The Marriage of Figaro*

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1819 JFK Blvd., Ste. 210. PABallet.org
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Philadanco, 9 N. Preston St. PhilaDanCo.org
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Brahms: Sym. No. 2, Christmas Kids Spectacular

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56 East Butler Ave., Ambler. Act2Playhouse.org
* *Broadway On Butler 2016, Electile Dysfunction*

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70 S. Main St., New Hope
BucksCountyPlayhouse.com
* *Charles Busch's The Divine Sister*

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CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org
* *Tartuffe*

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12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. TheFulton.org
* *Footloose, Disney's Beauty and the Beast*

Hedgerow Theatre

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64 Rose Valley Rd., Media. HedgerowTheatre.org
* *Boeing Boeing, The Hound of the Baskervilles*

Media Theatre

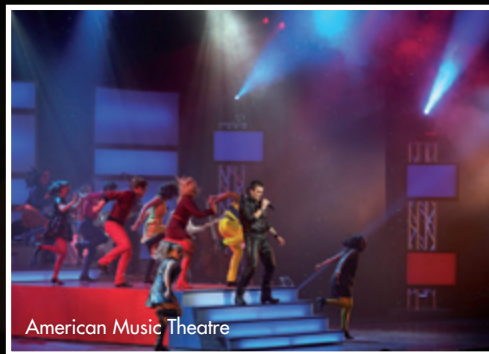
Producing five musicals annually, plus children's productions, the Media Theatre has been honored with numerous awards for its performances.
104 E. State St., Media. MediaTheatre.org
* *Bridges of Madison County, A Christmas Story: The Musical, Romeo & Juliet, Side Show, West Side Story*

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39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. PeoplesLight.org



Kennett Symphony Orchestra
at Longwood Gardens



American Music Theatre



Paoli Blues Fest



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Ballet 180

* *The Mountaintop, Sleeping Beauty: A Musical Panto, The Matchmaker, I and You, Project Dawn, Moon Over Buffalo*

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DELAWARE

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* *Hairspray, Christmas by Candlelight*

PHILADELPHIA

Forrest Theatre

1114 Walnut St. Forrest-Theatre.com

Merriam Theater

250 S. Broad St. Merriam-Theater.com

Philadelphia Theatre Company

480 S. Broad St. PhiladelphiaTheatreCompany.org
* *Rizzo, Found, Having Our Say*

Prince Music Theater

1412 Chestnut St. PrinceMusicTheater.org

Walnut Street Theatre

825 Walnut St. WalnutStreetTheatre.org
* *Sister Act, South Pacific, The Wizard of Oz*

Wilma Theater

265 S. Broad St. WilmaTheater.org
* *Notes of a Native Song, Constellations*

THEATER - COMMUNITY

SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

Barley Sheaf Players

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* *Hayfever, Wait Until Dark, Arsenic and Old Lace*

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This community theater produces up to six plays annually plus two Singer-songwriter Nights. Ward & Tome Sts., Ridley Park. BarnstormersTheater.com

Footlighters Theater

Since 1930, this group has continued to entertain Main Line audiences with each production. 58 Main Ave., Berwyn. FootlightersTheater.com
* *Noises Off, The Fantasticks, Doubt, A Parable*

Forge Theatre

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* *Love Letters, Good 2 Go*

Montgomery Theater

Five productions & two children's shows every year. 124 Main St. (Rt. 113), Souderton. MontgomeryTheater.org

* *I Hate Hamlet, Didn't Your Father Have This Talk With You?*

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* *Monty Python's Spamalot, A Grand Night for Singing*

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Community theater presenting well-known productions two times a year. 2126 The Highway, Arden. Ardensingers.com

The Brandywiners, Ltd.

With more than 300 members, the Brandywiners perform annually at Longwood Gardens. P.O. Box 248, Montchanin. Brandywiners.org
* *Fiddler on the Roof*

Delaware Children's Theatre

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historic sites from The Cannonball House—actually hit by a cannonball in the War of 1812—to Memorial Park overlooking the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal and the Zwaanendael Museum, with permanent exhibits detailing Lewes' past. Stay overnight at a cozy hotel or B&Bs like The Inn at Canal Square, and don't miss strolling the streets for good eats, shopping and local picks like King's Homemade Ice Cream Shop! Lewes.com or Visit-Delaware.com.



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If total relaxation is your goal, you'll fall in love with the friendly and unhurried atmosphere of Spring Lake, NJ. Small town hospitality is at its finest here, with elegant Victorian inns and B&Bs beckoning you to stay. Soothe your mind with a walk along the two-mile stretch of uncluttered beach and the longest non-commercial boardwalk in New Jersey. From the ocean, head downtown to the shopping district's

tree-lined streets offering casual outdoor eateries, fine dining and over 60 shops, boutiques and galleries. In the mood for entertainment? Check out Spring Lake Theatre, featuring performances of *Grease* in July and *Oliver!* in August. And there's plenty of space at Divine Park to curl up with your summer reading by the shady trees and blooming gardens. You may never want to leave! VisitSpringLake.com.



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If you suspect you were a sailor in a past life, head for the peaceful seaside town of St. Michaels, MD. Named one of the Top 10 Best Small Coastal Towns in America by *USA Today*, the picturesque harbor takes you back in time—as far as the mid-1600s—with historic sites, enchanting inns and museums like the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, which weaves a captivating yarn of life by the sea. The Miles River and St. Michaels Harbor are filled

with boaters, sailors and plenty to do—from sailing on historic Skipjacks to kayaking, bicycling, fishing and more. Check out the eclectic range of boutiques, antiques shops and galleries for nautical treasures. And seafood lovers will be in heaven with their pick of fresh crabs, oysters, soft shell clams and rockfish—because nothing says Chesapeake Bay like cracking open a steaming pile of local Maryland blue crabs! StMichaelsMD.org.

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At least once each year, we pause, look around and appreciate. We take in our surroundings—verdant gardens and parks; world-class museums and theaters; scenic drives and historic sights; and walkable towns filled with lively restaurants and an endless variety of shops and boutiques.

And so we bring you this Annual Guide. To start, we share two Recent Discoveries—a special stretch of the Appalachian Trail in Cumberland Valley, only 2 hours away, and access to the night sky at observatories at some local colleges.

Then we take you on a tour through our corner of Pennsylvania, on to Delaware and Maryland as we point out special sights (Nightscape at Longwood Gardens), fun attractions (Marshall Steam Museum & Sanderson Museum), kids activities (Herr's Factory Tours), festivals (Cecil County Fair) and our personal favorites (Wharton Esherick Museum & Haverford College campus) along the way.

To visitors, new neighbors and longtime residents, we hope you find plenty to enjoy. And let us know what to add next year!

TAKE A HIKE

ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

THOUSANDS ATTEMPT TO THRU-HIKE THE ENTIRE 2,190 MILES—THROUGH 14 STATES AND 60 PARKS AND FORESTS—BUT ONLY ONE IN FOUR SUCCEEDS. WE SUGGEST SOME EASIER OPTIONS.

PERHAPS YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THE APPALACHIAN Trail—one of the best-known hiking trails and the longest continuously marked footpath in the world—made famous by Bill Bryson's charming *A Walk in the Woods* and the less charming 2015 movie version with Robert Redford and Nick Nolte. It spans most of the length of the East Coast, with 2,190 miles separating the northern terminus at Katahdin, Maine from the southern endpoint at Springer Mountain, Georgia.

Some enjoy an afternoon hike or a weekend hike/camping adventure on the Appalachian Trail (known as the A.T.), while others do sectional hiking, tackling larger chunks. More experienced hikers spend about five to seven months traveling the entire route—the total elevation of the A.T. equals climbing Mt. Everest 16 times! These hardcore souls are called thru-hikers.

EASIER OPTIONS

Even if you're not ready to tackle thru-hiking, we suggest you sample the experience. In Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania—the mid-point on the A.T.—there's easy access and paths for all hikers to enjoy. Located in the south central part of the state, Cumberland

Valley is home to Pine Grove Furnace State Park, and 46 miles of the A.T., including a 13-mile section that's the longest, lowest and flattest section on the entire trail. Hikers and other tourists can also stop at the Appalachian Trail Museum, Pine Grove General Store and the Ironmaster's Mansion.

An easy way to get started on a hike is to visit the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in Boiling Springs, PA, a town recognized as an official Appalachian Trail Community for its commitment to providing services to hikers and promoting the assets of the trail. Hikers can park their cars and get advice and suggestions from the knowledgeable Conservancy staff.

Known for its lake that literally bubbles, Boiling Springs is also home to scenic Children's Lake, where you can feed the ducks, stop for lunch at Café 101, or just relax under the weeping willows. There's also plenty of fishing and boating in the charming lake. Many hikers like to begin their day hikes in Boiling Springs.

Another sight worth visiting is the Appalachian Trail Museum, the only museum in the country dedicated to hiking. The Museum portrays and preserves the history and the physical, emotional and spiritual experiences that happen along the A.T. Visitors can explore

exhibits devoted to the founders of the trail, as well as those responsible for what the trail has become today. This June, the Museum unveiled a new Children's Exhibit with a kid-size version of the A.T.

MIDPOINT TRADITION

Thru-hikers who travel months to complete their journey eventually find themselves at the midway point of the A.T. in the Cumberland Valley—a celebratory point for hikers. And what better way to celebrate than with ice cream?

Except, hikers don't get just an ice cream cone. A.T. tradition has hikers stopping by the Pine Grove General Store and chowing down on a half-gallon of Hershey's ice cream. Many can complete the Half-Gallon challenge in under 15 minutes (the record's under 5 minutes!). And remember, that's 16 regular servings, 2,400 calories and 112 grams of fat! About 350 hikers complete the challenge each year, writing their thoughts in a commemorative journal and getting a souvenir wooden spoon.

Half gallon or not, ice cream is a great treat for this point in the trail. And it's a memorable show watching the thru-hikers!

And while hiking through the Valley can be fun, it's certainly not the only outdoor option. Explorers can bike on the non-Appalachian Trails in Pine Grove Furnace State Park or fish, boat and swim at Laurel Lake, which also boasts a relaxing beach.

STAY THE NIGHT

Overnighters can have an authentic stay at the historic Ironmaster's Mansion, which hosts thru-hikers, day hikers and non-hikers alike, as well as the occasional wedding and other events. If you're looking for something more rustic, check out the area campgrounds and parks with overnight accommodations. You'll also find luxurious B&Bs nearby if you're looking for comfort and charm after your outdoor experience.

Whether you opt for the full 2,190-mile experience of a lifetime or just enjoy a weekend reconnecting with the outdoors, the Appalachian Trail in the Cumberland Valley should be on your ToDo list this summer. ♦

Learn more at VisitCumberlandValley.com.



Children's Lake in Boiling Springs

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Half Gallon Challenge

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Appalachian Trail Museum

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Ironmaster's Mansion



Children's Lake in Boiling Springs

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Villanova University Observatory



DISCOVER

the

Night Sky

AREA OBSERVATORIES ARE OPEN
FOR PUBLIC VIEWINGS.



Peter van de Kamp Observatory
at Swarthmore College

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN FASCINATED BY the night sky: wispy nebulae, streaking comets, mysterious galaxies far, far away And exciting events, like at the end of July, the Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower. In August, the rendezvous of Jupiter and Venus. September, our best view of Mercury after its transit in May. So much going on.

My home telescope, sadly, hardly probes the universe. I can view a brighter moon, an occasional planet: not much else. If only I lived in Mauna Kea—that telescope has a 10-meter mirror! Ambient light is near zero. Odds are the sky is clear. Perfect conditions.

It turns out, though, even without a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Hawaii, we can gaze at the heavens and get a glimpse—even a seriously good look—at the moon, Mars, Jupiter or Saturn, albeit with some limitations.

Several of our area's colleges and universities have full-blown scientific observatories—up to 24-inch telescopes—that they open to the public for viewing. Note: The 24-inches measures the diameter of the telescope mirror, not the telescope's length. The larger the mirror, the more light it gathers, and the more light, the more we can see. The more we can see ... Well, that's the whole point, isn't it?

WHERE TO GO AND WHEN

See the show in the night sky at local observatories and a few planetariums.

Swarthmore College's Peter van de Kamp Observatory has a 24-inch telescope, the largest in our area, and is one of the few that's open to the public all year, on Tuesday evenings. David Cohen, an astronomy professor, studies the interaction of matter with intense radiation fields—way out of my league. But his explanations go down like warm chocolate. Learn more at Swarthmore.edu/Peter-Van-de-Kamp-Observatory.

The University of Delaware's Mt. Cuba Observatory is deep in the forest outside Greenville and difficult to get to, but well away from city lights. The 0.6-meter telescope—about 20-inches—is open for public viewings on Mondays with family nights sometimes on Fridays. Check their

schedule—and their photography—at MountCuba.org.

Widener University, in Chester, offers its 16-inch telescope for Monday night twilight sessions, as well as an occasional Friday night, with online signup. I happened to visit on a clear night and enjoyed a spectacular view of Jupiter and its four moons. Professor Harry J. Augensen was on hand to lead the discussion while about 15 people took turns at the telescope. Public viewing is limited to the school year, so mark your calendar. Widener.edu/Academics/Observatory/.

Eastern University, in St. Davids, holds public viewings weekly, September through April, at its **Bradstreet Observatory**, equipped with a 16-inch telescope. It's by reservation only, according to Dave Bradstreet, Professor and Chair of Astronomy

and Physics, “because it's so popular.” As a bonus, visit Eastern's planetarium. The planetarium shows will run over two consecutive weekends and will have a live and a movie portion: about 50 minutes total. Steven Sanders, the Administrator, is working on the details, but hopes to have it ready soon. Shows cost \$10/person with seating for about 35. Eastern.edu/Academics/Programs/Astronomy-and-Physics-Department/History-Bradstreet-Observatory.

The Strawbridge Observatory at Haverford College has been ranked as one the top of college observatories by CollegeRank.net. Maybe it's for the history or floor-to-ceiling library. The observatory has a 16-inch telescope used very occasionally by the public; more often by students. Your best chance is during Philadelphia's Science Festival. Haverford.edu/Physics-and-Astronomy/Facilities-Resources/Strawbridge-Observatory.

Villanova University will also share its view of the heavens, Mondays through Thursdays, primarily in the fall and spring. It has two observatories: one for public viewing with a 14-inch telescope, and one for academic use with three large telescopes fitted with cameras. Professor Edward Fitzpatrick, chair of the 14-person department, studies “gas and dust.” Villanova.edu/Villanova/ArtsSci/Astronomy/Facilities/Public-Observatory.html.

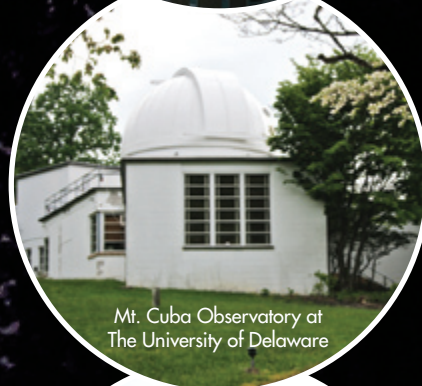
There are several other telescopes in the area, but they're either reserved for students or are well within the city's limits with city lights. For example, **West Chester University** has a 10-inch telescope, but it's rarely available to the general public. **The University of Pennsylvania** and **Drexel University** also have telescopes and observatories.

Finally, if you're willing to go into Philadelphia, try the **Franklin Institute** for a monthly stargazing event in the **Joel N. Bloom Observatory**. It has five different telescopes—the largest is 10 inches—on its roof. Viewing is included in your admission price to the Institute and your evening can also include a Fels Planetarium show and a presentation. FI.edu/Exhibit/Observatory.

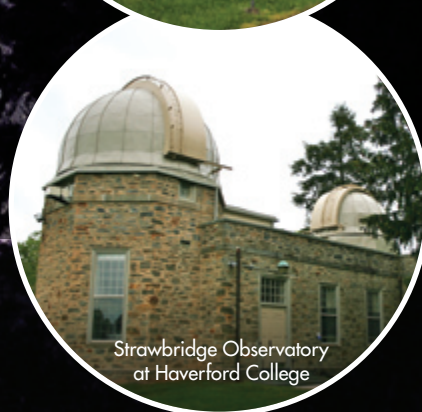
Find out more about our place in the universe by looking at the night sky this summer. ♦



Widener University
Observatory



Mt. Cuba Observatory at
The University of Delaware



Strawbridge Observatory
at Haverford College

DAY TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Since we've been seeing the sights in the Brandywine Valley for about 40 years now, we'd like to share some ideas so you can make the most of discovering our area. For example, any tour has to include the three most popular attractions—**Brandywine River Museum of Art**, **Longwood Gardens** and **Winterthur Museum, Gardens and Library**—or you simply haven't done the area justice! So, that's where we'll start our tour.

TIP You'll likely have more than these three on your must-see list—the Brandywine Valley is a Top American Road Trips. Save big with a **Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport** (up to \$350!) for admission to 11 major area attractions. Valid through Labor Day, \$45/adults, \$95/families. BrandywineTreasures.org.

TIP 2 Blue Star Museum programs offer active-duty members of the military and their families free admission to many local sights. Arts.gov/National/Blue-Star-Museum.

TOP THREE MUST-SEES

Why not start your Brandywine trip with a visit to the **Brandywine River Museum of Art** on the banks of the Brandywine River? Housed in a 19th-century mill and surrounded by native plant gardens, the Museum is home to a world-class collection of works by three generations of Wyeths—N.C., Andrew and Jamie—plus regional art, American landscapes, still-life paintings and illustrations.

The summer exhibition, "Get the Picture! Contemporary Children's Book Illustration," will delight all ages with the remarkable creativity and wit of contemporary paintings and drawings of renowned children's book artists, through October 9th.

Also on view, "New Terrains: American Landscape Paintings from the Bequest of Richard M. Scaife" and "Andrew Wyeth: In Retrospect."

Nearby and open to visitors for a fascinating introduction to these talented artists is Kuerner Farm, inspiration for Andrew Wyeth's works, along with the restored homes and studios of N.C. and Andrew Wyeth. Tours through November 20; check website for times.

Open daily, 9:30 to 5. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. BrandywineMuseum.org.

Next stop, legendary **Longwood Gardens**, mixes the arts with nature from morning to night. And this year you'll want to visit at night. "Nightscape: A Light and Sound Experience by Klip Collective" returns August 3 through October 29, for a second year and with a few surprises. The wildly popular nighttime explosion of color, light and sound is an audiovisual installation with choreographed music.

TIP Make reservations now! First-timers will vie with those who can't wait to return.

The Beer Garden also returns, Thurs.–Sat.

in July and Wed.–Sat. August through October. Sip Longwood's signature brew, plus two new flavors, and feast on German-style fare under the stars.

A daylight visit is also a must to see this "National Wonder," according to *National Geographic Traveler*. These 1,000-plus-acre gardens feature 11,000 types of plants and more fountains (except during the fountain renovations) than any other garden in the U.S.! Check online for what's blooming.

Also an entertainment venue, Longwood hosts 400 performances a year. Bring the kids to see The Brandywiners perform "Shrek the Musical," July 21–23, or save July 3 for jazz icon Chip Corea. Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble's August gig is already sold out!

Open 9 am to 6 pm, Sun–Wed; 9 am to 10 pm, Thurs–Sat. Nightscape extended hours until 11 pm, Wed–Sat, Aug 3–Oct 29. Rts. 1 & 52, Kennett Square. LongwoodGardens.org.



N.C. Wyeth Gallery
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Nightscape at Longwood Gardens
PHOTO COURTESY DAVIS HAROLD HANK



Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library Reflecting Pool
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Stop number three is **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library**, home of a premier collection of American decorative arts displayed in an elegant, 175-room mansion set in an exquisitely landscaped 1,000-acre park, all once the home of Henry F. du Pont. Take a tour of the meticulously crafted galleries and experience the over-90,000-piece collection.

On view now, “Embroidery: The Language of Art” explores how embroidered objects fit into the changing definition of art in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. And through 2016, see “Made in the Americas: The New World Discovers Asia,” featuring extraordinary objects produced in Colonial America thanks to Asian influence.

A Garden Tram tour will get you oriented outside, or just meander across 1,000 acres of rolling hills, streams, gardens and forests as you look for the William Penn tree in the Chandler woods (hint: it’s a tulip poplar). For family-

fun, there’s the Enchanted Woods, a fairy-tale style garden featuring a Tulip Tree House and the Faerie Cottage.

TIP Sound like a local and say “winter-tour.”

Open Tues–Sun, 10 to 5. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Winterthur.org.

SAMPLE LOCAL HISTORY

In a region rife with history, we suggest a stop at the **Brandywine Battlefield State Park**, site of the largest land battle of the American Revolutionary War. Now a beautiful 52-acre park, you’ll recall General Washington and his troops suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of British General Howe on September 11, 1777.

The Visitor’s Center shows a 20-minute film, plus historical exhibits of uniforms, weapons and artifacts found on the battleground.

Come back September 11 for “Remembrance Day,” and honor the fallen soldiers.

Driving tours let you trace troop movements for a different kind of history tour. And you’ll likely find a picnic spot among the scenic rolling hills and shady woods (facilities on the grounds).

Open Tues–Sat, 9 am to 4 pm; Sun, 12 to 4; Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. BrandywineBattlefield.org.

A reproduction fieldstone barn nearby houses a museum and headquarters of the **Chadds Ford Historical Society**, which maintains two 18th-century restorations: the **John Chads House** and the **Barns-Brinton House**, both on the National Register of Historic Places. Guides in Colonial garb add period-perfect charm as they narrate tours and demonstrate 18-century crafts.

Plan a return visit for two popular events: **51st Annual Chadds Ford Days**, Sept. 10 & 11, and the **Great Pumpkin Carve**, Oct 20–22.

Barn is open year-round, Wed–Sat, 10 to 4:30. Houses are open summer weekends, tours Sat at 11, 1 & 3 pm, to Labor Day. 1736 N. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. ChaddsFordHistory.org.

For a unique experience also in the area, include a visit to the **Christian C. Sanderson Museum**, an eight-room country house with an astonishing collection of artifacts relating to life in Chadds Ford. Part history lesson, nostalgia trip and fascinating look at one man’s life and the nation’s history, the Museum includes an amazing collection of memorabilia representing the American experience—from Wyeth paintings to a book from Ben Franklin’s personal library.

In March, “Simply Sanderson” opened with new additions to the collection, or you may enjoy stopping in for Sanderson’s Summer Stories.

Open Mar–Nov, Thurs–Sun, 12 to 4 or by appointment. Group tours. 1755 Creek Rd. (Old Rt. 100). SandersonMuseum.org.



Brandywine Battlefield State Park



Christian C. Sanderson Museum



Historic Sugartown
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Marshall Steam Museum
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For a more traditional history museum, head for West Chester, Chester County's county seat, where you'll find **The Chester County Historical Society**. It's a treasure trove of local history from A to Z, with programs, interactive and virtual exhibits, research library with newspapers dating back to Ben Franklin, photos from the beginning of the camera, a History Lab—all related to Chester County's history from the 1600s to today.

Through August 27, go back in time to "The '60s: The Age of Aquarius in Chester County," with exhibits that include fashion, civil rights, computers, women's rights, music, the Vietnam War and more.

Open Tues–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. 225 N. High St., West Chester. ChesterCoHistorical.org.

Malvern is our next destination, home of **Historic Sugartown**, a preserved 19th-century rural village in Chester County providing an authentic experience of life at that time. Several buildings remain largely intact, so you can visit the 1880s general store, inn, 19th-century school room exhibit, bank barn, carriage museum and book bindery with bookbinding and paper marbling workshops offered by a bookbinder trained at Colonial Williamsburg.

Shugart's Sunday returns on September 11, with BBQ & Bluegrass and country-style family festivities. Adults will enjoy Spirits Tastings by Manatawny Stillworks, while kids try hand-crafted soda by Maine Root.

Guided Tours run Sat, 11 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4 pm. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. HistoricSugartown.org.

There are a few reasons to visit Chester County's southwest corner. You'll want to stop at the **Village of Oxford**, which celebrates its 250-plus-year history in a charming historic district. Drive the **Covered Bridge Tour** through four quaint bridges, or try the

Historic Walking Tours for those yearning to stretch their legs and to enjoy shopping and refreshments in town. For tours, coupons, guides and more, visit DowntownOxfordPA.org.

Plan some family fun in nearby **Nottingham**, home to the **Herr's Potato Chip Factory**, where you can take *USA Today's* 2016 Readers' Choice #1 Best Factory Tour—beating Hershey's Chocolate World, at #4! Factory tours show the real operation, with real workers, and include secrets like how tortilla chips get their flavor. Tours end at the Snack Bar and Gift Shop so you can pick up pub-style sourdough pretzels or other treats.

Free one-hour tours Mon–Thur, 9 to 3 pm; Fri, 9 to 11 am. Reservations required. To schedule: 800-284-7488; or reserve tickets online: Herrs.com.


While in southern Chester County, cross the state border into Delaware and head south on Scenic Route 52 to the **Delaware Museum of Natural History**. (See the Scenic Route 52 sidebar.) Discovery of the natural world through exhibits and special programs, including a walk over the Great Barrier Reef and in a Dinosaur Gallery. The summer exhibit, "Extreme Deep: Mission to the Abyss," shares mysteries of the ocean's depths: thermal vents and unusual creatures that thrive there, deep-sea research submersibles and shipwrecks, including the Titanic.

Open Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. Rt. 52, S. of Centreville, DE. DelMNH.org.

Another worthwhile nearby stop is the **Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve**, home to the world's largest collection of operating steam cars and a 1/8-size live steam railroad operating on the 250-acre grounds, which are part of the DE State Park system. At various times, the public can ride in the cars and on the miniature trains.

Try to visit this fall for the Annual Invitational Historic Auto Display, when the spotlight is on roadsters and runabouts, Sept. 26. It's "where steam is hot!"

Open mid-March–Dec. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. AuburnHeights.org.



SCENIC ROUTE 52 SIGHTS

Not as long as U.S. Route 1, as dramatic as the Pacific Coast Highway or as famous as Route 66, Scenic Route 52 runs between West Chester and Wilmington for a 20-mile journey packed with two dozen sights. For an in-depth tour, check out Malcolm Johnstone's article in our July 2015 issue.

Here are the highlights of what you'll see if you take a leisurely drive along Route 52. (Note: some attractions are covered in this year's review.)

- In West Chester: Chester County Art Association, Chester County Historical Society, 1833 Lincoln Building
- Heading south: Baldwin's Book Barn, Strodes Mill Gallery, Brandywine Picnic Park
- Major sites near Route 1: Brandywine River Museum of Art, Longwood Gardens, Brandywine Battlefield, Sanderson Museum (not major, but a favorite gem)
- Historic du Pont corridor: Winterthur Museum, Hagley Museum, Nemours Mansion & Gardens, Delaware Museum of Natural History
- Refreshment stop: Buckley's Tavern in Centreville, dating back to 1817



World Cafe Live
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VISIT WILMINGTON

Still in a history mode? Here's a little about Wilmington—Delaware's major city, though not its capital. It was called New Sweden when it was settled by, no surprise, Swedes in 1638, and was the Delaware Valley's earliest permanent Old World settlement. When the English later gained control, it became Willingtown, after Thomas Willing, who laid out the streets. Eventually, King George II changed the name to honor the Earl of Wilmington. And that name stuck.

Midway between New York City and Washington, D.C., Wilmington's cultural attractions, trendy LOMA district, Art Loop, restaurants, theater and music scene—there's a Theater Row and plenty of summer concerts—plus tax-free shopping, make it a tourist destination.

Summer means non-stop festivals and fun in Wilmington—from a Beach Boys concert to Riverfront Blues! For more, see “Summer in Wilmington” at CountyLinesMagazine.com.

Let's start at the **Delaware Art Museum**, located in one of the city's leafy neighborhoods and set on 12 acres that include an outdoor Sculpture Park and Labyrinth. Its permanent collections included treasures from

Howard Pyle's America's Golden Age work to Dale Chihuly's contemporary glass artistry and a world-class pre-Raphaelite collection.

Summer exhibits include “Duality,” exploring collaborative life-work partnerships with works from artist couples, through August 14. And, closing September 18, “Edward Koren: The Capricious Line,” celebrating five decades of this renowned cartoonist and contributor to *The New Yorker*, featuring 50 original drawings, many on display for the first time.

Running July 16–September 25, “Dark Humor: African American Art from the University of Delaware” is a must-see for fans of “black humor” and surrealist art that questions cultural and racial stereotypes.

Open Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. DelArt.org.

A major waterfront development along the banks of the Christina River, **Riverfront Wilmington** is a lively destination with recreational, cultural, retail and culinary attractions—from the Riverfront Market to dinner on the **Riverboat Queen**. Other attractions include entertainment venues—the **Chase Center**—and museums—**Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts**, 200 S. Madison St. TheDCCA.org.

For family fun there's an **IMAX** theater, **Riverwalk Mini Golf**, **Stratosphere Trampoline Park**, and a trolley that connects with downtown. RiverfrontWilm.com.

The Delaware Children's Museum, in the big yellow building along the Riverfront, focuses on science, math and technology and engages children in playful learning. In the “Stratosphere” kids can climb over their parents' heads in this 30-foot-high playground structure and learn about the earth's atmosphere while having lots of fun.

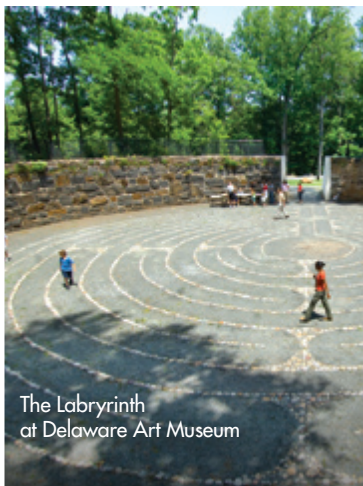
Open Tues–Thurs, 10 to 3; Fri–Sat, 10 to 8; Sun, 10 to 3. 550 Justison St. DelawareChildrensMuseum.org.

For some exercise, park and stroll along the Riverwalk. This 1.3-mile beautifully landscaped path provides access to such attractions as the **Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park**, home to the Riverfront Blues Festival, Aug 5–7. Keep current with InWilmingtonDE.com.

Or take a break from walking and explore the Christina and Brandywine Rivers from the comfort of a **River Taxi**, which you board from six docks along the Riverfront. Try “Wednesdays On The Water,” a cruise with wine and cheese, or Tuesday's or Thursday's “Family Nights,” \$15 for a family of 4. WilmingtonRiverTaxi.com.



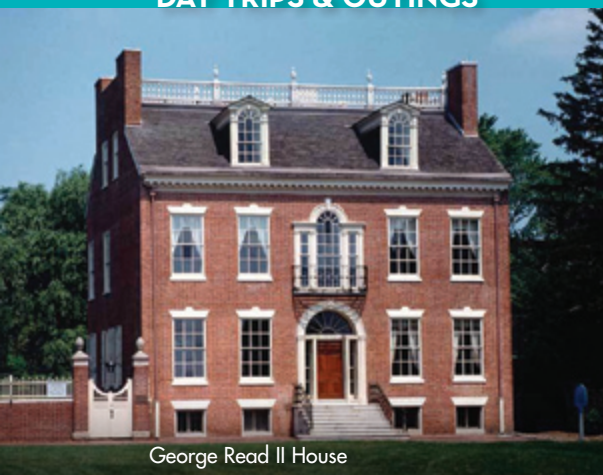
The Grand Opera House
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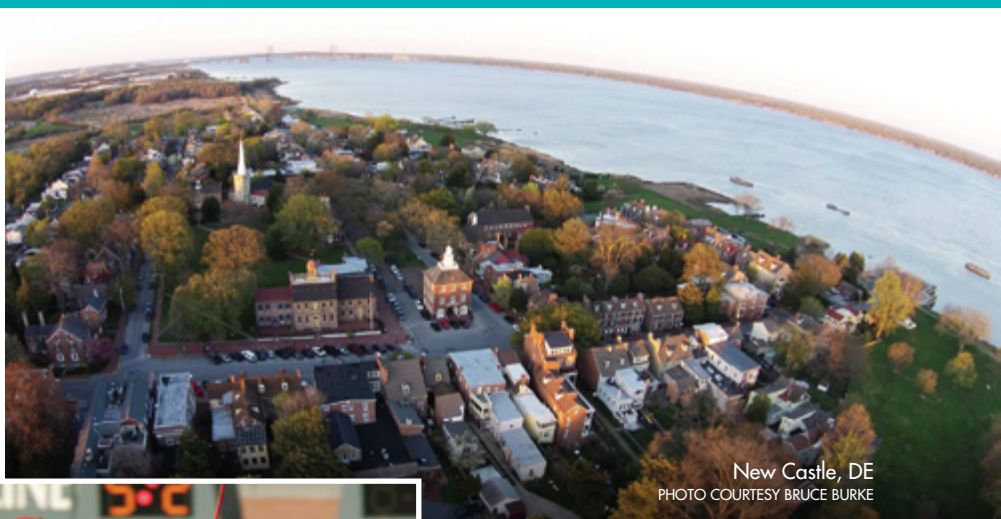
The Labyrinth
at Delaware Art Museum



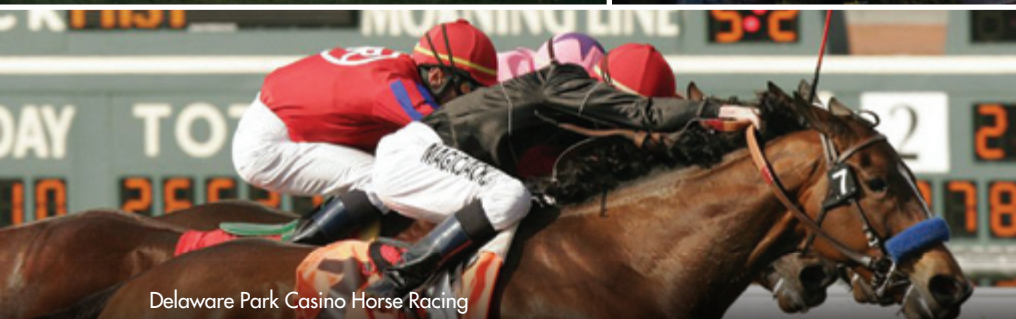
Downtown at Rodney Square
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George Read II House



New Castle, DE
PHOTO COURTESY BRUCE BURKE



Delaware Park Casino Horse Racing

The Riverfront also sports (sorry) a ballpark. **Daniel S. Frawley Stadium** is home to the Wilmington Blue Rocks, a top minor league baseball club affiliated with the Kansas City Royals, hosting 70 home games a year. Check website for schedule. 801 Shipyard Dr. BlueRocks.com/Stadium.

Frawley Stadium is also home to the **Delaware Sports Museum & Hall of Fame**, making highlights from the Civil War days to the present come alive through audio and video presentations and memorabilia. Hear Hall of Famer “Judy” Johnson tell his story to a young fan and relive Olympic moments with Delawareans. DESports.org.

Spot the tall ship along the Riverfront? It’s the **Kalmar Nyckel**. The original Kalmar Nyckel, a three-masted tall ship, sailed to the New World in 1638 leaving its passengers to establish the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley, the Colony of New Sweden in present-day Wilmington. Today you can haul lines, set sails and enjoy tales of the sea or become a “pirate” with the crew on special sails and learn to say “arrr!”

Tours leave from Dravo Plaza in Wilmington and the Ferry Terminal in Lewes through September 18. For schedule, locations and tours, KalmarNyckel.org.

At the south end of Riverwalk, where the city, river and marshlands meet, is where you’ll find the **DuPont Environmental Education Center** on the 212-acre Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge, home to bald eagles,

beavers, dragonflies, turtles, butterflies and other wildlife. Get up close and personal with the region’s wildlife, or pack a picnic lunch to eat by the stream or butterfly house. A wildlife escape in the city.

Open Tues–Sat, 11 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. 1400 Delmarva Ln. DuPontEEC.org.

MORE DELAWARE HIGHLIGHTS

Northwest of Wilmington is where the du Pont story began. On 230 acres along the Brandywine River are the **Hagley Museum**, site of the first du Pont black powder mills, and **Eleutherian Mills**, the 1803 manor house and home to five generations of du Ponts.

The history of American industry and the du Pont family are depicted through exhibits and working models. Mill buildings and a workers’ community recall life in mid-19th-century America’s largest black powder works. A French-style garden and an Italianate garden are just a sample of the places to explore on the walkable grounds.

Join the popular **“Bike and Hike”** on Wednesdays, 5 to 8 pm, through August 31, plus “Bike, Hike and Brews” on July 13, Aug 3 & 24, which include craft beer from Dogfish Head Brewery. Sept. 18 is “Fins, Chrome, and the Rocket Age,” Hagley’s antique car show.

Open daily, 10 to 5. 200 Hagley Rd., Wilmington (for GPS). Hagley.org.

Southwest of Wilmington is where you’ll find **Delaware Park Casino**, home to live thoroughbred racing on the track and slot ma-

chines and table games (blackjack, roulette, craps, poker) in the casino. There’s also live entertainment and dining, plus a world-class 18-hole championship golf course at the White Clay Creek Country Club. 777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington. DelawarePark.com.

Next, head east to the remarkable little town of **New Castle**, established in 1651 and where William Penn landed in 1682. An authentic gem—no Disney-like theme park—the beautifully preserved Colonial town center is situated on the Delaware River. You’ll find tree-lined cobblestone streets, a village green, gardens and period residences—currently used as 21st-century homes.

There’s a park along the river, historic restaurants (like **Jessop’s Tavern** serving Colonial comfort food) and accommodating B&Bs, as well as interesting shops. Visit **Immanuel Church** and its churchyard (dating back to 1703), and the **George Read II House**, a grand Federal mansion surrounded by a handsome garden. Mark your calendar for **Old New Castle Day** ... in late May for next year. NewCastleCity.net.

For a final stop, we recommend you head south of Wilmington, to the charming village of Odessa, home to the **Historic Houses of Odessa** on Main Street, with an outstanding collection of period household furnishings, fine and decorative arts. Five distinctive properties are unique examples of the architectural heritage of Colonial Delaware and tell of Odessa’s role in the Underground Railroad and as a Colonial grain shipping port.

Stroll tree-lined streets, tour beautifully restored 18th and 19th-century houses, wander through picturesque gardens and dine at the historic Cantwell’s Tavern, welcoming guests as it did 200 years ago.

Plan your visit for Odessa’s **Brewfest**, on tap for Sept. 10.

Open Tues–Sat, 10 to 4:30; Sun, 1 to 4:30. HistoricOdessa.org.

HEAD FOR CECIL COUNTY, MD

Time to make this a tri-state trip! Cross into Maryland to **Cecil County**, our neighbor to the southwest, at the top of Chesapeake Bay where five rivers spill into the Bay. Leave behind the bustle of I-95, and find manor houses, 18th-century churches, covered bridges, harbors and historic villages. Drive through rolling hills and equestrian country, past outlets, eateries and a casino—plenty of attractions to make Cecil County a destination. *See SeeCecil.org.*

While you're exploring, keep a lookout for a quaint restaurant to enjoy the local seafood—blue crab anyone? You'll likely work up an appetite. If the timing is right, you might get to savor a stunning sunset on the Bay, too.

With its rolling countryside, Fair Hill is a perfect first stop for dining and antiquing. Classic horse country, this area is famous for thoroughbred horse breeding farms and equestrian events: **Fair Hill Races** in the spring and **Fair Hill International 3-Day Eventing Competition**, October 13–16. *See UHCC.com/Fair-Hill-Races; FairHillInternational.com.* There are several stables in the area, if you'd like to take a trail ride, carriage ride, hayride, or, later in the year, a sleigh ride.

Drive to Elkton for the popular **Cecil County Fair** at the fairgrounds, attracting over 75,000 fans for this nine-day celebration of agriculture, started in 1953. They mean it when they say there's something for everyone: carnival midway, demolition derby, tractor pull, professional rodeo and live music, plus chainsaw sculptors, live alligator show, pie-eating contest, hay toss, big wheel race, 5k run and delicious food from local vendors. Fri, July 22–Sat, July 30. *CecilCountyFair.org.*

For a change of pace, head to **Chesapeake City**—formerly the Village of Bohemia—on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, where you can glimpse ships slip beneath the majestic bridge. This historic town on the National Register of Historic Places boasts 19th-century Victorian homes and shops and suggests a sort of miniature Cape May-New Hope fusion—but without the negative tourist vibe. Browse in shops featuring antiques, crafts and fine art.

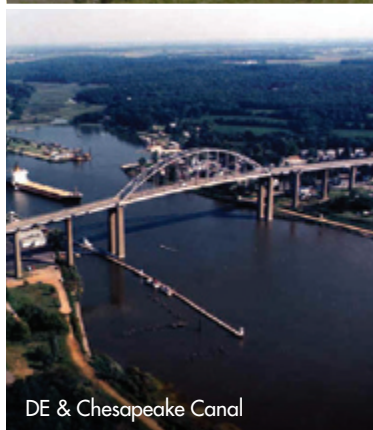
Then head northwest to a town called, surprisingly, **North East**, for great dining and shopping—in the center of the town and overlooking the water. Plan a visit for the **5th Annual Cecil County Food & Wine Festival**, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Introduce yourself to Maryland wines, savor food from local vendors as you enjoy live music and artwork and crafts by regional artisans. *For tickets, CecilWineFest.com.*

Time for retail therapy? **Perryville** is home to an outlet shopping mall, *PerryvilleOutletCenter.com*. Combine that with a visit to the **Hollywood Casino**, Maryland's first. *1201 Chesapeake Overlook Pkwy. HollywoodCasinoPerryville.com.*

Our last stop is **Port Deposit**, formerly a busy port on the Susquehanna River. It's now being rediscovered and is on the National Historic Register. A walking tour map available online lets you enjoy a self-guided tour of historic and architecturally interesting buildings. *PortDeposit.org.*



Fair Hill International (right, above)



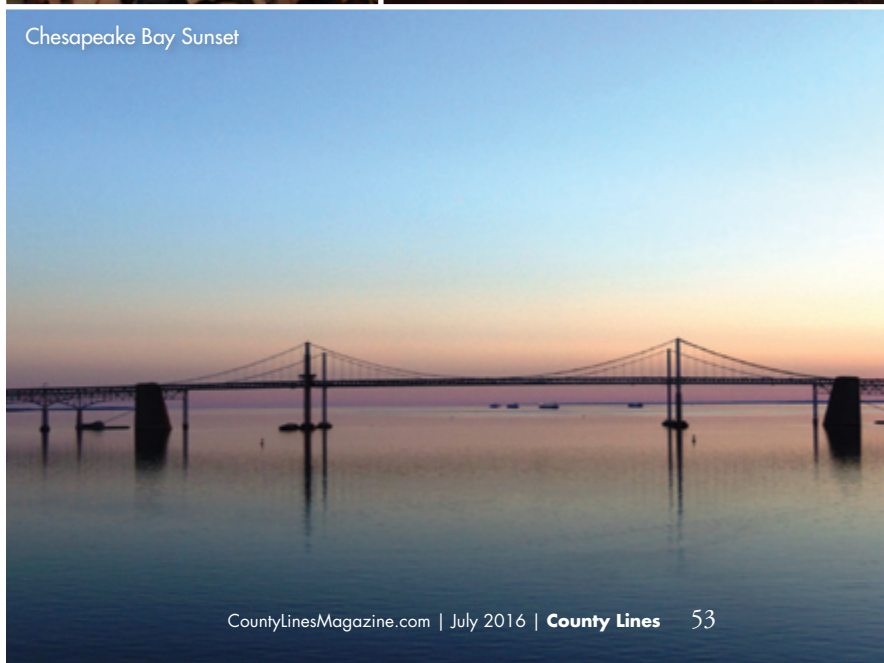
DE & Chesapeake Canal



Food & Wine Festival



Cecil County Fair



Chesapeake Bay Sunset



Bird-In-Hand Marathon

TOUR LANCASTER COUNTY

It's back to Pennsylvania and west to Lancaster County for a very different and special world. Your approach here depends on whether you're a first-timer or a veteran visitor. Either way you'll be happy that there's plenty of both olde tyme and hip Lancaster County to visit and enjoy.

For first-timers, the rolling hills and lush farms of Lancaster County make a perfect place to take in its ambiance. Among the top things to do and see is Amish Country—think the movie *Witness* with Harrison Ford. You'll see these traditional folk still live on farms without electricity, ride in horse-drawn buggies and wear plain dark-colored clothing and straw boaters.

Lancaster Pike or **Lincoln Highway** (Route 30) is the main thoroughfare and the commercial spine of Lancaster County. You'll see everything from tiny pretzel stores to huge outlet malls, horse-drawn Amish buggies to westward-bound 18-wheelers, Pennsylvania Dutch eateries to fast food chains and more.

Head off Route 30 for tidy family farms and pastoral scenes that evoke a by-gone era. Stop at a roadside produce stand, where you'll find fresh-picked, homegrown fruits, vegetables and flowers, and often, homemade baked goods fresh from a farm oven. A cash box at an untended stand means serve yourself and please leave the correct payment.

If you start noticing railroad motifs everywhere—on restaurants and motels, plus

shops selling railroadiana—that means you're near **Strasburg**, home to the **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania**. This museum houses one of the world's most significant collections of historic railroad artifacts, including more than 100 locomotives and cars. RRMuseumPA.org.

All aboard to check out the **Strasburg Rail Road**, where you can take a ride on a historic coal-burning steam train, hop aboard a miniature steam train, or operate an authentic Pump Car. End with a meal in the restored Lee E. Brenner Dining Car. StrasburgRailroad.com.

Next stop in Ronks, the **National Toy Train Museum** offers a world-class collection of toy trains from the mid-1800s to present for kids of all ages. The museum is built like a historic train station and recreates a family "train room," but on a much grander scale. NTTMuseum.org.

Strasburg Rail Road



Amish farm



Final stop here is the beautifully restored 19th-century town center, a National Trust Historic District. Homemade ice cream and waffle cones at the [Strasburg Country Store](#) are a must. *1 W. Main St. Strasburg.com.*

To get a feel for Lancaster County, we suggest you sample some of its colorfully named villages. Head to the crossroads village of [Intercourse](#), at the heart of the oldest Amish settlement in North America. Don't miss the museum and shops of [The People's Place](#) and [Kitchen Kettle Village](#), for some authentic PA Dutch food. *KitchenKettle.com.*

Or visit [Bird-in-Hand](#), where you may spot colorful hot air balloons in the sky, launched by [Lancaster County Hot Air Balloon Rides](#), through the U.S. Hot Air Balloon Team. You can float over quilt-patterned Amish farmlands. *USHotAirBalloon.com.* Or for something more down to earth, take an Amish buggy ride. *AmishBuggyRides.com.*

You can explore the history of an entire county and the life of an American President—the only one from Pennsylvania—in one stop at [LancasterHistory.org](#) (that's the name and Web domain).

President James Buchanan's impressive [Wheatland](#) estate and mansion have remained relatively unadulterated and are open for tours so you can see where the 15th President spent his days. A living history tour, "A Visit From Uncle Ed," has actors portraying Buchanan's neighbors and relatives during the summer of 1865 as 74-year-old Buchanan reflects on national politics. *230 N. President Ave. LancasterHistory.org.*

You'll see another side of Lancaster County when you visit [Lancaster City](#), the county seat. Downtown Lancaster is home to a vibrant arts community, with galleries, museums, an

arts college, theaters, symphony and opera company, plus a full calendar of events—like the [Lancaster Craft Beerfest](#) on August 27. *See VisitLancasterCity.com.*

Join a [Historic Walking Tour](#) to sample the heritage, history and architecture—three centuries in four blocks starting in Penn Square, *717-392-1776 for information.* To get the most from your visit, stop by the [Discover Lancaster Visitors Center](#), *501 Greenfield Rd., for maps and information about the area. See DiscoverLancaster.com.*

TIP You may prefer the [Lancaster Wine, Spirits & Ale Trail](#). Stop in the Visitors Center for your Trail passport and get your passport stamped at four or more locations (some are outside the city) and you'll get a souvenir Trail t-shirt. *DiscoverLancaster.com.*

[First Fridays](#) in the city are always fun. Several neighborhoods—[Gallery Row](#) on N. Prince St., [Uptown](#) on N. Queen St., [Backstage](#) around N. Water St.—have music and lively crowds visiting galleries, boutiques and restaurants hosting open houses and late hours. Browsers mingle along blocks of galleries that make this an "authentic arts town."

There's a gem of a museum that should be on your tour. Describing itself as "National in scope, while reflecting the distinctive character of the Lancaster region," the [Demuth Museum](#), located in the artist's former home, includes workrooms and gardens where artist Charles Demuth lived. American modernist painter Demuth traveled widely, but always came back to Lancaster. *120 E. King St. Demuth.org.*

Ready to eat? A must-stop and central gather spot is [Central Market](#), the nation's oldest continually operating farmer's market, hosting 60-some stalls in a building that's on the National Register. The 126-year-old Market offers the best of

local farms—scrapple, headcheese, produce and pastries—and gourmet and international delicacies. The Stoner Family's Vegetable stand has been there over 100 years! *CentralMarketLancaster.com.*

You'll find a full range of restaurants in town—from old school, [The Pressroom](#) located downtown, to trendy, [Pour](#) on Gallery Row—along with everything in between.

What else? Catch a show at the [Fulton Opera House](#), a performance at [Opera Lancaster](#), a [Barnstormers'](#) baseball game, or [Music Fridays](#) (third Friday). Whatever your pleasure, you'll be happy you came. *DowntownLancaster.com.*

Time to get out of town? We have four trip suggestions, each north of Lancaster City.

The [Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum](#), a more modest version of Sturbridge Village, is devoted to the PA German rural heritage and is a nationally known living-history village dedicated to this history and culture, spanning 1740 to 1940. Travel back in time with "Civil War Days at Landis Valley," July 23 & 24, when re-enactors bring the Civil War right to you.

The Museum is also home to the [Heirloom Seed Project](#), established in the mid-1980s, focusing on seed preservation, seeds from heirloom varieties of vegetables, herbs and ornamentals that have historical significance for PA Germans. Interactive workshops and online ordering.

Mon–Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. LandisValleyMuseum.org.

Next door is the [Hands-On House Children's Museum](#), offering interactive activities for kids and families, through self-directed exhibits and programming that stimulate curiosity and invite the joy of discovery for everyone.

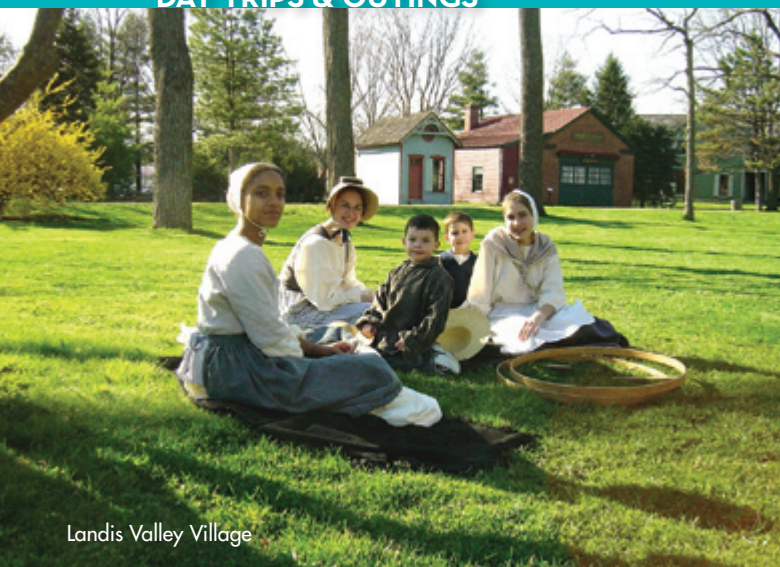
721 Landis Valley Rd. Call for dates and hours. HandsonHouse.org.

Wheatland, President James Buchanan's home



Central Market





Landis Valley Village



Long's Park

Trip number 2 takes you to **Ephrata** and the **Ephrata Cloister**, an extraordinary restoration of the 18th-century cloister grounds and structures of the German Seventh Day Baptists, a religious communal society. A National Historic Landmark, the Cloister contains 12 buildings, medieval in design, that depict the austere lifestyle and impressive architecture, printing, calligraphy and music of this sect. The Visitors' Center has a slide show and guided tours.

Mon–Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5; Rts. 272 & 322. EphrataCloister.org.

On to your third stop at **Long's Park**, a 71-acre site with picnic areas, petting zoo, fitness trail, and every Sunday—plus newly added Saturdays—in the summer, the **Summer Music Series**, ending Aug. 28. This free music and theater series presents a wide array of entertainment—from soul singer, songwriter and Broadway chanteuse Morgan James to the internationally acclaimed, genre-breaking March Fourth! Marching Band, and ever-popular patriotic concert and fireworks on July 3. Pack a picnic (no alcohol), bring your blanket and enjoy the music.

Come back Labor Day weekend for the **Annual Art Festival**, with works from 200 artists and craftspeople—one of the top shows in the country. LongPark.org.

Last stop in Lancaster County, **Lititz**, voted “America’s Coolest Small Town,” by Budget Travel. Every second Friday, this authentic and non-touristy town hosts “**Lovin’ Lititz Every Second**,” (on second Friday, get it?) when nearly 50 shops and 20 eateries stay open and Main and Broad Streets are dotted with musicians, artists and dancers. Or visit for fireworks at their signature event: the 198th Continuous 4th of July Celebration (since 1818) at Lititz Springs Park. July 30 is the **50th Annual Outdoor Art Show**.

Other highlights include **Sturgis Pretzel Bakery**, America’s first commercial pretzel bakery, where you can roll and knead your own pretzels, 219 E. Main St.; JuliusSturgis.com, and **Wilbur Chocolate Factory** to taste their famed Wilbur Buds (predating the Hershey Kiss!) and the **Candy Americana Museum**. 48 N. Broad St.; WilburBuds.com.

A sweet way to end your visit to beautiful Lancaster County.

A PORTRAIT OF THE KEYSTONE STATE

For a broader look at Pennsylvania, Schiffer Publishing, in Atglen, PA, recently released a stunning coffee table book filled with photos by Michael P. Gadomski of every corner of the state, *Pennsylvania: A Portrait of the Keystone State*. From the country’s most famous historic sights—right here in Pennsylvania—to the shores of Lake Erie to the first-class city of Pittsburgh, historic Scranton, and the rural farmland, forestland and small towns in between. Plus photos of trees over 450 years old, the place where oil was first discovered, the peaceful Amish countryside, historic Colonial buildings, and modern metropolitan cities. Through



striking images and detailed captions, take a journey through our diverse state. More at SchifferBooks.com.



Clipper Magazine Stadium



Sturgis Pretzel Bakery

SAMPLE THE MAIN LINE

Now for something very different from rustic Lancaster County—the Main Line, Philadelphia’s premier western suburbs made famous in the Kathryn Hepburn movie, *The Philadelphia Story*. This 15-mile stretch running along Route 30 (a.k.a. Lancaster Avenue, farther west, Lancaster Pike) between **Bala Cynwyd** and **Paoli** got its name because it parallels what was the Pennsylvania Railroad’s main rail line from Philadelphia to Chicago. Many Railroad shareholders built lavish homes, often by famous architects, along this rail line and were followed by more of Philadelphia’s elite, until the area became “the” upscale place to live.

Roam north of Lancaster Ave., a wonderland of estates, beautifully landscaped mansions, near-mansions and merely very, very big houses. Wander winding, tree-lined lanes and enjoy the scenery in an area where a GPS comes in handy for getting back to Route 30.

You’ll find great shopping and dining along Lancaster Ave. with new boutiques, specialty shops, trendy bars and fashionable eateries added to the mix. (See sidebar on “Towns to Tour.”) Two of the prettiest towns, **Malvern** and **Wayne**, have shopping areas where you can park and browse from shop to shop. More on Wayne in: “Wayne Is Blooming” online at CountyLinesMagazine.com.

Ardmore’s Suburban Square—an upscale, outdoor shopping center with 75 years of history—is home to a charming selection of shops. Ardmore is also home to **Tired Hands Brewing Company**, a local brewery with a national reputation and two brewpubs, including the 260-seat **Fermentaria**. 35 Cricket Terr., Ardmore. TiredHands.com.

Off the Main Line, but worth a trip for shoppers, is the **King of Prussia Mall**, one of the country’s largest malls, packed with upscale designer stores—from Cartier to Tiffany, Hermes to Henri Bendel and even Tesla Motors.

Farther west on Route 30 in Devon, you’ll spot the blue wall of the **Devon Horse Show** grounds, home to world-class and local equestrian shows. Next May the **121st Devon Horse Show and Country Fair** will be held there—the big 120th was in 2016, but mark your calendar for 2021 for the 125th! June and July host the **Brandywine Valley Summer Series** and September welcomes **Dressage at Devon** and **Devon Fall Classic**. DevonHorseShow.net; DressageAtDevon.org.

A fascinating aspect of life on the Main Line is the large number of private schools and colleges located there. Starting with **St. Joseph’s University** (technically in Philadelphia), and heading west, you’ll find **Haverford College**, **Harcum College**, **Bryn Mawr College**, **Rosemont College**, **Villanova University** (home to great basketball), **Eastern College**, **Cabrini College** and **Immaculata University**. Over a dozen elite private schools are located there, too.

If you’re ready for a walk, we suggest visiting the campus of **Haverford College**, on Lancaster Ave. Highlights of this picture-perfect campus include a popular 3-mile jogging path, over 300 labeled trees in the 18-acre Pinetum (collection of living coniferous trees), a 3.5-acre pond that attracts resident ducks and geese, and a well-used cricket field, home to the only varsity cricket team in the country.

There’s also art, gardens and history along the Main Line. Visit the **Wayne Art Center** and

its changing exhibits and **Main Line Art Center** in Haverford where you should “expect the unexpected.” WayneArt.org; MainLineArt.org.

Distinctive local gardens range from **Chanticleer Garden**, a former private residence in Wayne, now known as “a pleasure garden”; to **Jenkins Arboretum** with its collection of native plants in Devon; and the **Barnes Foundation Arboretum** in Merion with specimen and rare plants. ChanticleerGarden.org; JenkinsArboretum.org; BarnesFoundation.org/Visit/Merion.

For a little history, visit the pristine **Paoli Battlefield**, where British troops routed General Wayne in 1777, or **Waynesborough**, a magnificent Georgian-style country manor house and home to General Anthony Wayne. PBPfInc.org; HistoricWaynesborough.org.

Our final stop on the Main Line is a special gem, the stunning home and studio of renowned artist and sculptor Wharton Esherick (1887-1970), called “Thoreau in wood,” who inspired the Studio furniture movement. **The Wharton Esherick Museum** is a National Historic Landmark for Architecture, housing 50 years of work from organic Arts & Crafts pieces, to sharp-edged Expressionist objects, to curvilinear free forms for which the artist is best known.

Esherick’s hilltop studio/residence has been preserved much as it was when he lived and worked there, with over 200 works displayed: paintings, woodcuts, prints, sculpture, furniture and more. The dramatic spiral stairway is a piece of sculpture in itself!

Guided tours for adults, res. req. Tues–Fri, 10 to 4, groups only; Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. Horse-shoe Trail, Malvern. Virtual tours on the website. WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.



Wharton Esherick Museum



Villanova Basketball
PHOTO COURTESY MITCHELL LAYTON,
VILLANOVA ATHLETICS



Chanticleer Garden

VALLEY FORGE

One final stop. Perhaps the best-known site associated with the American Revolution, **Valley Forge National Historical Park** is a living monument to the men of George Washington's ragged Continental Army that survived the 1777–78 winter encampment and became a victorious force.

Nearly 3,600-acres, the Park is a tangible reminder of the significance of the area, filled with preserved landscapes and period structures, like the **1851 Knox Covered Bridge** and the **Washington Memorial Chapel**. Visit **Washington's Headquarters**, the original stone building was where General Washington plotted his strategy against the British. You'll also find reconstructed soldiers' huts, fortifications and cannons.

The **Valley Forge Historical Society Museum** displays one of the largest collections of George Washington and Revolutionary War artifacts, while the **Visitors Center** offers maps, self-guided driving tours, ranger-led walking tours, trolley tours, podcasts and more.

There's nature mixed with history and 55 miles of interconnected trails, including 20 in



Valley Forge Park

the Park, perfect for jogging, running, biking and horseback riding. For walking fans, Valley Forge hosts guided hikes, including a family-friendly guided bird walk. With plenty of open space and picnic areas, the Park is perfect for families and summer days filled with soak-

ing up the sunshine along with a little history. ValleyForge.org. ♦

See "More Great Places for Outings" in this Guide and check CountyLinesMagazine.com for the Best Local Events this month and every month.

TOWNS TO TOUR



Summer Concert in Eagleview

Eagleview Town Center

Live, work, play ... Eagleview is becoming a destination for entertainment—summer concerts, movie nights, festivals, farmers market, Shakespeare in the Park—and dining, with a growing collection of

restaurants, the newest—two from Stephen Starr—to open this fall.

Kennett Square

Beyond Longwood Gardens, you'll find the charming, historic town of Kennett Square. Enjoy a great selection of shops and restaurants along with an Art Stroll on First Fridays, farmers market on Fridays, and shopping and dining on State Street on Third Thursdays—yes, the tables come out on the street as the whole town celebrates.

Malvern

This lovely Victorian town recently marked its 125th anniversary and continues to grow, with more shops and restaurants joining the lineup. King Street is a great place to sip, shop and stroll every third Thursday, to browse everything from furniture to clothing to gifts and food, plus fun for the whole family. Enjoy a small town with big charm.

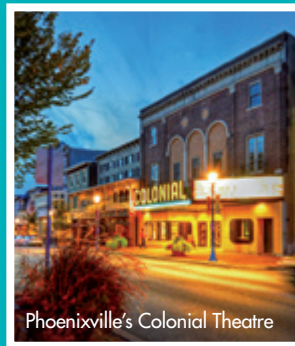


Shopping in Malvern

Media

Although it's DelCo's county seat, Media retains a friendly feel, where shopkeepers know shoppers by name. State Street, where a trolley still

runs, is the site of most shopping and dining, along with the iconic Media Theatre. Try Dining Under the Stars on Wednesday nights.



Phoenixville's Colonial Theatre

Phoenixville

Like its namesake, this former steel town is rising. Phoenixville combines an artistic vibe and a neighborly spirit to discover as you stroll down Bridge Street for hip shopping, lively music, a surprisingly varied restaurant row, plus a growing beer, wine and spirits scene. The Colonial Theatre is an entertainment hub, with more events all summer.

Wayne

Wayne is a great shopping and dining destination, in a real town where there's more to see than just the strip along Lancaster Avenue. Head for North Wayne Ave. for new boutiques and eateries. And there's even more west of town in walkable Eagle Village Shops.

West Chester

Chester County's county seat is also home to West Chester University. See historic buildings restored to house upscale shopping and some of the best dining around. Gay and Market Streets are parallel and filled with places for browsing. A favorite place to while away some time.

Greenville & Hockessin, DE

Much more than a bedroom suburb north of Wilmington, Greenville is the site of four upscale and interesting malls, with one-of-a-kind, non-chain shops. Hockessin, on Route 41, is home to plenty of shopping throughout town as well as in Hockessin Corner.



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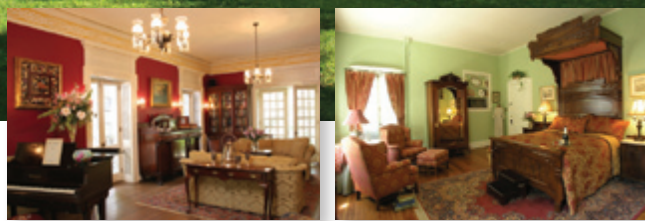



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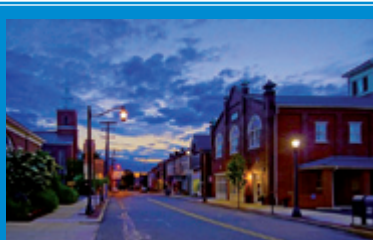
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Boyertown has a vision. It's a town rich in history, bustling with activity and embracing history, the arts, the growth of local businesses and ... a railroad line.

The Colebrookdale Railroad is a big part of Building a Better Boyertown's revitalization effort, bringing patrons to take it all in.

Another popular attraction, the **Museum of Historic Vehicles**, displays dozens of automobiles, trucks and motorcycles manufactured in Pennsylvania while the industry was in its infancy. Earlier, the region produced horse-drawn vehicles, also on display in the Museum.

Boyertown celebrates its 150th anniversary of becoming an incorporated town with a full schedule of events. Here are a few highlights. More at BoyertownPA.org.

July 16: Annual Cruise Night. Cars, trucks, vendors, live music, entertainment and food. Reading Ave. from Second to Fifth St., plus other lots in town. 4 to 9 pm. Rain date, July 23.

Sept. 16–17: Annual Oktoberfest. Crafters, artists, German entertainment and music, keg tapping ceremony, wines & loads of fun. Throughout town. Parking info at BoyertownOktoberfest.com. Fri, 5 to 9; Sat, 11 to 9.

October: Burial of New Time Capsule. Date to be announced.

Oct. 15: Pickfest—A Celebration of Americana. A community awareness initiative and a fundraiser for Building a Better Boyertown. Music, food vendors, craft breweries, wineries, cideries & local artisans. Boyertown Railyard, E. 3rd St. 10 am to 7 pm.

Dec. 2, Holiday Open House & Festival of Trees. Tour homes, historic buildings & businesses. Begins at the Boyertown Historical Society, 43 S. Chestnut St. Maps, trolleys & buses available. 3 to 9 pm.

Dec. 3, Chillin' on Main. Family activities—Santa's workshop, entertainment, story time, face painting & more. Philadelphia Ave. 11 am to 2 pm.



MORE GREAT PLACES FOR OUTING

PENNSYLVANIA

See also: *Historic Sites*

Glen Mills

Newlin Mill Park. Restored 18th-century milling community, with an active 1704 water-powered grist mill. Hiking, trout fishing weekends, picnicking and nature walks. *Rt. 1 & Cheyney Rd. NewlinGristMill.org.*

Glenmoore

Springton Manor Farm. 19th-century manor house was the country estate of a prominent Philadelphia family. Now a demonstration farm where children meet animals in a petting area and learn about farming. *Park open year-round. 860 Springton Rd. ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

Lancaster

Dutch Wonderland. Fun for kids, with over 30 rides—two coasters, Duke's Lagoon water play area and live entertainment shows. *Rt. 30, 4 mi. E of Lancaster. DutchWonderland.com.*

Langhorne

Sesame Place. Sesame Street-themed park for families and kids with 50 activities, live shows with Big Bird and friends, and a musical parade. *100 Sesame Rd., Rt. 1 to Oxford Valley Exit. SesamePlace.com.*

Media

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation. Recreation of a 112-acre working 18th-century farm, with farmers and guides in period garb, Belgian horses, Red Devon milking cows, Dominique chickens and two very large pigs. *Weekends, 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. ColonialPlantation.org.*

Nottingham

Herr Foods, Inc., See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Pottstown

Ryerss Farm For Aged Equines. Celebrating 127 years of providing a caring environment for retired and rescued horses, on 383 acres, Ryerss welcomes visitors 365 days a year. Learn more about the farm on their website. *1710 Ridge Rd. RyerssFarm.org.*

St. Peter's Village

St. Peter's Village and Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. Once a thriving country village, now home to an inn, restaurant and artisans whose shops line the road. A major attraction is French Creek, with mammoth granite boulders, providing delightful picnic spots. *Off Rt. 23, St. Peters Rd., St. Peters. After lunch, head for Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, restored 1700 iron-making village. 2 Mark Bird La., Elverson. NPS.Gov/HoFu.*

Washington Crossing

Washington Crossing Historic Park. Where George Washington and the Continental Army crossed the Delaware River on Christmas 1776 to surprise the Hessians camped at Trenton. The park includes the 19th-C. village of Taylorsville, the outstanding Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, and recreation and picnic areas, on a beautiful section of the Delaware River. *1112 River Rd. WashingtonCrossingPark.org.*

West Chester

Northbrook Canoe Company. Cool off along the beautiful Brandywine River with a peaceful, self-

guided canoe, kayak or tubing trip. Continue your fun with your favorite summer foods. Res. encouraged; walk-ins welcomed. *NorthbrookCanoe.com.*

QVC. A guided tour takes you through the broadcasting facility including a view from the Observation Deck where guests may be able to watch QVC programs in progress and catch a glimpse of a favorite host or guest. *1200 Wilson Dr. QVC.com.*

TreeHouse World. A place to explore the newest and coolest treehouses around, to challenge yourself with their unique high adventure programs and a place to have a ton of fun. *1442 Phoenixville Pk. TreeHouseWorld.com.*

West Chester Railroad. Originally one of the oldest railroads in the US. Today it runs a special schedule between West Chester and Glen Mills. A fun 90-minute trip, especially with kids. Can be chartered for special events and catering is available. *Market St. Station, WestChesterRR.net.*

DELAWARE

Greenville

Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory. A nonprofit educational institution whose mission is promoting astronomy, astrophysics and space sciences. *1610 Hillside Mill Rd. MountCuba.org.*

SELECTED NATURE CENTERS & PUBLIC GARDENS

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PENNSYLVANIA

Audubon

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove. The fieldstone mansion, now a museum, displays Audubon's major published works plus original prints and memorabilia. The 175 acres are a wildlife sanctuary with 175 species of birds and 400 species of plants. *1201 Paulings Rd. JohnJamesAudubon.org.*

Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

Morris Arboretum. The official arboretum of PA. On its 92 public acres, thousands of rare plants (many of Philadelphia's oldest, rarest, largest trees) are set in a Victorian garden. Award-winning rose garden; English landscape park; loggia and hidden grotto; Japanese gardens; swan pond. Special events. *100 E. Northwestern Ave. UPenn.edu/Arboretum.*



Yarn bombing at Morris Arboretum

Devault

Great Valley Nature Center. Quality environmental education programs. Full-sized replica of a Lenape Village shows what life was like for Native Americans 500 years ago. *Rt. 29 & Hollow Rd. GVNC.org.*

Devon

Jenkins Arboretum. A 46-acre arboretum that emphasizes azaleas, rhododendrons and plants of local woodlands, including ferns, groundcovers and colorful wildflowers that bloom over a long season. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd. [JenkinsArboretum.org](#).

Media

Tyler Arboretum. A 650-acre preserve originated with brothers Jacob and Minshall Painter. Mature plant collections are laid out in a natural setting, with 20 miles of marked trails. Education center, museum collections, library. 515 Painter Rd. [TylerArboretum.org](#).



Newtown Square

Willistown's Okehocking Preserve & Okehocking Nature Center. 180 acres of the 500-acre Okehocking Land Grant Historic District, likely the only known grant to an Indian tribe authorized by William Penn, conveyed in 1703. Includes meadowlands, upland hillsides and old-growth woodlands, with 5 miles of hiking and horse riding trails.

The Okehocking Nature Center. In the historic Garrett Farmhouse, provides environmental education and recreational activities including workshops on sustainable gardening, demonstration gardening and energy conservation. 5316 West Chester Pk., [OkehockingNatureCenter.org](#).

Pottstown

Welkinweir. 162-acre estate is an architectural and landscaping masterpiece. Owned and maintained by the nonprofit Green Valleys Assn., it provides programs, environmental lectures, nature walks and environmental summer camps. Trails and walks connect hikers to Horse-Shoe Trail. Gardens are pleasant year-round. 1368 Prizer Rd. [Welkinweir.org](#).

Swarthmore

Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. "A garden of suggestions," it's the college campus, covering 110 diverse acres. 500 College Ave. [ScottArboretum.org](#).

Wayne

Chanticleer. Enchanting seven-acre estate, the creation of the Rosengartens, who purchased the land in 1912. The 100 years of planting, cultivating and refining have made this an extraordinary garden. Lawn chairs at sites on the property suggest that you stop, stay a while and enjoy the view. April through Oct. 786 Church Rd. [ChanticleerGarden.org](#).

West Chester

H. E. Myrick Conservation Center. A 300-acre landscape with vegetation and wildlife habitats. Part of the Brandywine Valley Assn., which has worked for over 50 years to protect the Brandywine Creek. Two marked self-guided nature trails—Hill and Stream Trail and Farm Path Trail. 1760 Unionville-Wauwaset Rd. (Rt. 842). [BrandywineWatershed.org](#).

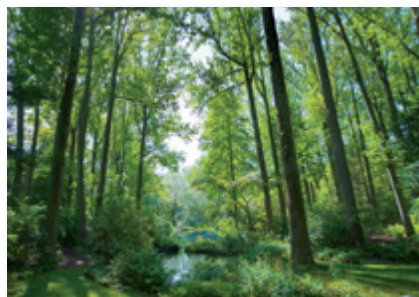
DELAWARE

Hockessin

Ashland Nature Center. Headquarters of the DE Nature Society, 130 acres of meadows, forests, marshes, streams and ponds make an ideal setting for nature programs each year, geared to all ages and all levels of interest. [Brackenville & Barley Mill Rds. DelawareNatureSociety.org](#).



Mt. Cuba Center. A botanical garden that inspires an appreciation for native plants and a commitment to protect the habitats that sustain them. 3120 Barley Mill Rd. [MtCubaCenter.org](#).



Smyrna

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. This 16,000-acre refuge is one of the best places on the East Coast to view migrating and resident waterfowl, especially in spring and fall. Auto tours, walking paths, observation towers and boardwalk trail. 2591 Whitehall Neck Rd., Rt. 9, E of Smyrna. [FWS.Gov/Refuge/BombayHook](#).

Wilmington

DuPont Environmental Education Center. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

The Marian Coffin Gardens at Gibraltar. The grounds of an 1844 restored estate listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The gardens are "rooms," each with unique character. 1405 Greenhill Ave. [PreservationDE.org](#).

Nemours Mansion & Gardens. The late 18th-century French-style mansion was a gift from Alfred I. du Pont to his wife Alicia. Named after the French town of his great-great-grandfather, Nemours was thoroughly modern, incorporating the latest technology and many of Alfred's inventions. 850 Alapocas Dr. [NemoursMansion.org](#).

Winterthur

Winterthur Museum and Gardens. See: "Day Trips & Outings"

HISTORIC SITES

We have practically wall-to-wall historic sites here, too many to list. Here are a few we feel are most

important, particularly unusual or worth a visit. Also check "Day Trips & Outings" and "Museums."

PENNSYLVANIA

Birdsboro

Daniel Boone Homestead. Boone was born here in 1734 in a log house built between 1730–1779. Other buildings include a PA bank barn, blacksmith shop, sawmill, log house and visitor center. 400 Daniel Boone Rd. [DanielBooneHomestead.org](#).

Broomall

Thomas Massey House. One of the oldest English Quaker homes in PA, built in 1696. [Lawrence & Springhouse Rds. ThomasMasseyHouse.org](#).

Bryn Mawr

Harrington House. Home of Charles Thomson, Continental Congress secretary, furnished with 18th-C. antiques. Originally part of a 700-acre, 1700s plantation. 500 Harrington Rd. [HarringtonHouse.org](#).

Chadds Ford

Barns-Brinton House. Brandywine Battlefield Park. John Chads House. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Chester Springs

The Mill at Anselma. On the Pickering Creek, the Mill is an extraordinary artifact of 250 years of Chester County's industrial heritage, retaining its original Colonial-era power train, and multiple layers of industrial equipment. Demonstrations and hands-on activities. 1730 Conestoga Rd. [AnselmaMill.org](#).

Historic Yellow Springs. Originally named by Native Americans for the iron-rich "yellow" spring water, this scenic village became the principal hospital for the Continental Army during the Valley Forge encampment and a popular 18th-century mineral water spa. Site of art, crafts and antique shows. [Art School & Pikeland Rds. YellowSprings.org](#).

Coatesville

Lukens National Historic District. The threads of Coatesville's industrial history and architectural heritage are woven together in the buildings on this street: Rebecca Lukens House (c. 1739); Terracina (1850-51, built by Charles Huston) and Graystone Mansion (1889, built by Abram Francis Huston). **National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum** current exhibit: "Coatesville Rolls into World War I" portrays the American home front and the use of iron and steel. 50 S. First Ave. [SteelMuseum.org](#).

Geigertown

Joanna Furnace. Hay Creek Valley Historical Assn. supports local heritage and provides a living experience of Berks County's agricultural and technological past by demonstrating early American crafts and trades. **The Hay Creek Festival, September 9–11**, features Early American crafts, antique toys, Civil War encampment, home craft marketplace, children's hands-on activities, food and olde tyme music. Rt. 10. [HayCreek.org](#).

Germantown/Philadelphia

Cliveden. Historic house museum on six landscaped acres. Site of the Battle of Germantown in 1777, which is reenacted the first Saturday in October includes original furnishing and decorative arts. 6401 Germantown Ave. [Cliveden.org](#).

Lancaster

Rock Ford Plantation. The 18th-C. Georgian-style home of Revolutionary War hero General Edward

Hand. In Lancaster Co. Park, the estate includes the mansion, barn and Kauffman Museum of decorative arts. 881 Rockford Rd. RockFordPlantation.org.

Wheatland, LancasterHistory.org. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Morrisville

Pennsbury Manor. William Penn's beautiful country plantation on the Delaware River, rebuilt to look as it did in 1700. Jacobean-style furnishings include 17th-century antiques. Mar 1–Dec 31. 400 Pennsbury Memorial Rd. PennsburyManor.org.

Narvon

Historic Poole Forge. Just a few miles from the Chester County border, the spectacular 1700s Iron Masters mansion, paymasters house, tenant houses, lime kilns and covered bridge dating from 1859 are the perfect backdrop for special events and casual get-togethers. 1940 Main St. HistoricPooleForge.org.

Paoli

Historic Waynesborough. Georgian manor house was home to seven generations of the Wayne family, including Major General "Mad Anthony" Wayne. Guided tours, slide lectures and a Paoli Massacre diorama with self-activating tape commentary. 2049 Waynesborough Rd. HistoricWaynesborough.org.

Pottstown

Pottsgrove Manor. Built in 1752, this is the historic home of John Potts, Colonial ironmaster and founder of Pottstown. Distinguished for its fine early Georgian architecture. Rt. 100 & W. King St. MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites.



Schwensville

Pennypacker Mills. A Colonial revival mansion, this was the home of PA Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, preserved as a country gentleman's estate. 5 Haldeman Rd. MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites

Wayne

St. David's Episcopal Church. A stone wall encloses St. David's graveyard, memorialized in Longfellow's poem: "What an image of peace and rest is this little church among its graves ..." This park-like setting is welcoming and serene, with an intimate stone church, a fine example of early Colonial architecture. 763 S. Valley Forge Rd. StDavidsChurch.org.

Willow Street

Hans Herr House. Oldest house in Lancaster County and oldest Mennonite Meeting House in America, built in 1719. Explore the main floor, the attic and cellar, plus a farm museum and Colonial garden. 1849 Hans Herr Dr. HansHerr.org.

Worcester

Peter Wentz Farmstead. Colonial farmhouse used by George Washington before and after the battle of Germantown, restored to its 1777 state. [Schultz Rd., off Rt. 73. MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites](http://SchultzRd.offRt.73.MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites).

MUSEUMS

PENNSYLVANIA

Chadds Ford

Brandywine River Museum of Art. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Christian Sanderson Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

Woodmere Art Museum. Dedicated to preserving, collecting, exhibiting and interpreting arts of Philadelphia, past and present. 9201 Germantown Ave. WoodmereArtMuseum.org.

West Chester

Chester Co. Historical Society Museum. See: "Recent Discoveries."

DELAWARE

Wilmington

Delaware Art Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Delaware Children's Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

The Delaware Folk Art Collection. Collection is housed in the barn built in 1914 as a working dairy farm for du Pont's Nemours Estate. [Blue Ball Barn](http://BlueBallBarn), 1914 W. Park Dr. DEStateParks.com/BlueBall.

Delaware History Museum. Delaware Museum of Natural History. Hagley Museum & Eleutherian Mills. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Rockwood Museum. Designed in 1851 by English architect George Williams, an outstanding example of Rural Gothic architecture and gardenesque landscape design. 610 Shipley Rd. Rockwood.org.

Winterthur Museum & Gardens. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Yorklyn

Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

SPECIAL INTEREST MUSEUMS

PENNSYLVANIA

Boyetown

Boyetown Museum of Historic Vehicles. See: "Building a Better Boyetown."

Columbia

The National Watch & Clock Museum. Featuring the treasures of time, from ancient timepieces to modern technologies, the museum captures the evolution of timekeeping over the centuries. 514 Poplar St. NAWCC.com.

Intercourse

The Quilt Museum at the Old Country Store. Antique Amish and Mennonite quilt masterpieces. 3510 Old Philadelphia Pk. PPQuiltMuseum.com.

Kennett Square

The Kennett Underground Railroad Center at the History Station. The Center takes visitors to a

time when slavery existed and the Underground Railroad was a "trackless trail." UndergroundRR.Kennett.net.

Lancaster

DeMuth Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Landis Valley Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Paoli

Wharton Esherick Museum. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

Paradise

National Christmas Center Family Attraction & Museum. They're not what you expect—Lancaster County's hidden treasure! Experience a one-of-a-kind journey as you discover the memories, history and traditions of Christmas through life-sized indoor exhibits. Fifteen main galleries, numerous ever-changing smaller exhibits and a gift shop. Handicap accessible with seating throughout. 3427 Lincoln Hwy. (Rt. 30), NationalChristmasCenter.com.



Reading

Mid-Atlantic Air Museum. Story of aviation told by displays of restored classic and historic aircraft. Rt. 183 N. [Reading Reg. Airport. MAAM.org](http://ReadingReg.Airport.MAAM.org).

Strasburg

The National Toy Train Museum. Railroad Museum of PA. Strasburg Rail Road. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

West Chester

American Helicopter Museum & Education Center. For visitors of all ages, this museum brings the adventure and history of rotor-winged flight to life. 1220 American Blvd., Brandywine Airport. HelicopterMuseum.org.



The Antique Ice Tool Museum. Follow the "ice man" from the harvest of the first major winter freeze to the storage, transportation, delivery and consumption of the product that shaped the way of life in this country from 1803-1940. Located in a restored 1834 stone barn. 1825 Sconnettown Rd., AntiqueIceToolMuseum.org. ♦

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BANKS

Penn Liberty Bank, 888-795-7366; PennLibertyBank.com. *See ad on pg. 73.*

ENTERTAINMENT, EVENTS, THEATER

See also, "Fall Guide to the Arts" in this issue.

PENNSYLVANIA

Devon

Dressage at Devon—Sept. 27–Oct. 2, Devon Horse Show Grounds, Rt. 30. 410-398-1740; DressageAtDevon.org. *See ad on pg. 26.*

Malvern

Shugar's Sunday, BBQ & Bluegrass—Sept. 11, 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 2 to 6. \$10–\$35. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org. *See ad on pg. 26.*

Paoli

Paoli Blues Fest & Street Fair—Oct. 1, held on Lancaster Ave. in Paoli. PaoliBluesFest.com. *See ad on pg. 37.*

Perkiomenville

Goschenhoppen Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival—Aug. 12–13, Henry Antes Plantation, Fri, 12 to 8; Sat, 10 to 6. Adm: \$2–\$10. 215-234-8953; Goschenhoppen.org. *See ad on pg. 26.*

Reading

Arts Festival Reading—Oct. 1–2, Goggle-Works Center for the Arts, 201 Washington St. 610-374-4600; ArtsFestivalReading.org. *See ad on pg. 27.*

West Chester

Chester County Day—Oct. 1, Visit interesting houses and historic landmarks in Chester County. ChesterCountyHospital.org. *See ad on pg. 28.*

MARYLAND

North East

Cecil County Food & Wine Festival—July 16, North East Community Park, 106 S. Main St. SeeCecil.org. *See ad on pg. 13.*

HEALTH & MEDICAL FACILITIES

PENNSYLVANIA

Paoli

Paoli Hospital—Main Line Health Systems, Main-LineHealth.org/Paoli. *See ad on pg. 6.*

West Chester

Gateway Medical Associates, offices in Coates-

ville, Downingtown, Exton and West Chester. 610-423-8181; GatewayDoctors.com. *See ad on pg. 4.*

DELAWARE

Dental Associates of Delaware, offices in Brandywine, 302-477-4900; Middletown, 302-378-8600; Hockessin, 302-239-5917; DelawareSmiles.com. *See ad on pg. 64.*

HOME: INTERIOR & EXTERIOR DESIGN

PENNSYLVANIA

Broomall

Madsen Kitchens & Bathrooms, 2901 Springfield Rd. 610-356-4800; MadsenKitchensAnd-Bathrooms.com. *See ad on pg. 40.*

Chester Springs

Griffiths Construction, Inc., 851 Kimberton Rd. 610-827-7990; GriffithsConstruction.net. *See ad on pg. 41.*

Downingtown

Mattioni Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Inc., 202 W. Uwchlan Ave. 610-269-0884; MatPlumbing.com. *See ad on pg. 73.*

Elverson

Chester County Hearth & Home, 19 Park Ave. 610-913-0730; ChesterChimney.com. *See ad on pg. 41.*

Exton

Ball & Ball, 463 W. Lincoln Hwy. 800-257-3711; BallAndBall.com. *See ad on pg. 18.*

Jeffersonville

M.T. Ruhl Electrical Contracting, 1920 W. Marshall St. 610-539-2920; MTRuhl.com. *See ad on pg. 40.*

Kennett Square

Waterbury Kitchen & Bath, LLC, 818 E. Baltimore Pk. 610-444-9192; WaterburyDesign.com. *See ad on pg. 83.*

Malvern

Flowing Springs Landscape Design, Inc., 426 Old Conestoga Rd. 610-408-0739; Flowing-SpringsDesign.com. *See ad on pg. 72.*

Media

S. Petree Construction, Inc., 610-459-4257; PetreeConstruction.net. *See ad on pg. 73.*

Newtown Square

Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. 610-356-8035; Mostardi.com. *See ad on pg. 24.*

Paoli

Sugarbridge Kitchen & Bath, Paoli Design Center, 1604 E. Lancaster Ave. 484-318-8367; Sugarbridge.com. *See ad on back cover.*

Paradise

Dutchie's Stone Works, 717-587-8789; DutchiesStoneWorks.com. *See ad on pg. 72.*

Sylvan Stoltzfus Builders LLC, 800-881-9781; StoltzfusBuilders.com. *See ad on pg. 73.*

Parkesburg

Greg Pilotti, Furniture Makers, 484-764-6956; GPFurnitureMakers.com. *See ad on pg. 18.*

West Chester

Giuseppe Kitchen and Bath Design, 129 E. Gay St. 610-436-8161; GiuseppeKitchenAnd-BathDesign.com. *See ad on pg. 77.*

DELAWARE

New Castle

P.J. Fitzpatrick, Inc., 21 Industrial Blvd. 484-436-4525; TrustPJ.com. *See ad on pg. 8.*

INSURANCE

Downingtown

The Book Agency at Farmers Insurance, 425 W. Uwchlan Ave. 610-913-1000; BookUrInsurance.com. *See ad on pg. 64.*

LODGING

Chester Heights

Hamanassett Bed & Breakfast, 115 Indian Springs Dr. 610-459-3000; Hamanassett.com. *See ad pg. 59.*

Lancaster

Walnut Lawn Bed & Breakfast, 1027 Village Rd. 717-464-1382; WalnutLawn.com. *See ad pg. 29.*

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

For a comprehensive list of private schools in our area, visit CountyLinesMagazine.com.

PENNSYLVANIA

Rose Valley

The School in Rose Valley, 20 School La. 610-566-1088; TheSchoolInRoseValley.org. *See ad on pg. 66.*



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Pictured:

1. Brandywine Office Doctors, back row, from left: Richard S. D'Antonio, DMD; Erik S. Bradley, DDS; Richard J. Carroccia, DMD; Mark A. Fortunato, DDS. Front row, from left: Richard D. Bond, DDS; Caterina Carafides, DMD; Christopher J. Tai, DMD. 2. Middletown Office Doctors, from left: Greg C. Hansen, DDS; Michael J. Ryan, DDS; Ian K. Binnersley, DDS. 3. Hockessin Office Doctors, from left: H. Dean McSpadden, DDS, MAGD; Joseph L. Cornatzer, DMD; Amit Dua, DMD.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, LACROSSE AND TENNIS

LOCAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS COMPLETED their spring sports seasons in outstanding fashion, scoring successes in baseball, softball, lacrosse and tennis. Several boys and girls were standouts and are headed to promising college careers—on and off the playing fields.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

The **Malvern Prep Friars** wound up their baseball season with a 29-6 record and won the Inter-Ac League. Shane Muntz, their junior catcher, earned a batting average well above .400, a slugging percentage over .800, 5 home runs and 24 RBIs—an amazing season, which he punctuated with a scholarship at Wake Forest. Teammate and outfielder Chance DiFebbo will play ball at University of Delaware next year. And Billy Corcoran, the sophomore pitcher, has several more seasons with the Friars but has already committed to the University of Pittsburgh.

Finishing the year with a 15-3 record, **Padua Academy** took first place in Delaware's Catholic League. Kierstin Fallers, center fielder, had a batting average topping .650 over her four years with the Pandas. She's a finalist for Delaware's Player-of-the-Year award and headed to Shippensburg University. By the way, lead pitcher, Abby Cunningham, is a junior and a league leader in strikeouts and ERAs.

LACROSSE

Ranked #1 in lacrosse in Pennsylvania, the **Haverford School** again won the Inter-Ac League Championship, finishing the season 19-5. Midfielder Dox Aitken is heading to University of Virginia next year; goalie Alex DeMarco to University of Pennsylvania; attackman Forry Smith to Johns Hopkins University; and midfielder Tommy McNamara to Notre Dame.



Shane Muntz of Malvern Prep



Padua Academy Softball Team



Julia Hondros of Episcopal Academy

Episcopal Academy's girls' lacrosse team ended the season with an impressive 23-5 record, also winning the Inter-Ac championship. Julia Hondros, at midfield with 113 draw controls (a record) and 60 goals, was cited as an All-American and Academic All-American and is headed to Brown University. Katie Crager, a sophomore with 73 goals—also a record—verbally committed to Georgetown University. They are two of four players—including Colby Gallagher, who will play squash for Cornell University, and Sydney Gagnon, headed for Virginia Tech—who were All-Inter-Ac. In addition, junior attackman Taylor Lucey had 46 goals and 53 assists and committed to Virginia Commonwealth University.

TENNIS

Haverford School's boys' tennis team marked an undefeated season. They went 20-0, and won their seventh consecutive Inter-Ac title. John Walsh, a sophomore, was the winner of the 2016 Inter-Ac Singles Tennis Tournament. Later, paired with senior Drew Clark, the team won the dou-

bles championship as well. Will McDevitt, a junior, was the third-place finisher.

Also undefeated this season, the Archmere girls' tennis team went 13-0. In the Delaware state tournament, they tied for second place. Grace Dignazio, a sophomore, Abby Podolsky, a junior, and Alisa Yakovenko, a sophomore, played 1st, 2nd, and 3rd singles, respectively. Doubles teams Maddie Kelly and Sydney Murphy, and Anne Malangyaon and Ashley Diggins, all seniors, played 1st and 2nd doubles. Kelly will attend the University of Delaware this fall; Murphy, Georgia Tech; Malangyaon, Drexel University; and Diggins, Ohio State.

Tower Hill's girls' tennis team had a 12-2 record, the best in the Delaware's Independent Conference and third place overall in the state. Lexi Butler was the leader and captain of the team. She's headed to the University of Miami next year.

The boys' team at Tower Hill also took first place in the Independent Conference and tied for fourth place in Delaware, with an 11-2 record. The top two players

were juniors Drew Manning, 1st singles, and James Fleming, 2nd singles. Spencer Johnson, a senior headed to Yale, was the Hillers' 3rd singles player.

In general, the independent schools put on a commanding performance in the final season of the school year, with a lot of talent coming up next season! So stay tuned. ♦



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Summer Sippers:

New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs and Beyond

Kayleigh Thompson

SUMMER IS COMING! THE WEATHER'S WARM, THE DAYS ARE LONG, AND IT'S A PERFECT TIME TO BREAK OUT THE WHITES.

WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A QUALITY, reasonably priced choice, you can't go wrong with a New Zealand sauvignon blanc—or savvy, as it's often called there. Best drunk young, these wines—known for their high acidity and citrus, tropical fruit and herbal flavors—are among the most vibrant and intensely flavored versions of sauvignon blanc found in the world.

Originating in the Bordeaux region of France, these grapes are also widely grown in Chile, South Africa, Australia and California (where they're sometimes sold as fume blanc). And, final background note: when crossed with cabernet franc, they created the big, bold red—cabernet sauvignon.

Personally, I think the immense popularity of the New Zealand style of sauvignon blanc is due to its straightforward, more attention-grabbing flavors than those shown by the other two popular varietals, chardonnay and pinot grigio. And, the high acidity levels that lend the wine its trademark zestiness also make it a refreshing

and pleasurable sipping experience that lingers in the mouth and the memory. It's so food-friendly, it's even a good choice with sushi.

Some of the best of the best are from Marlborough, on the northwest coast of the Southern Island, with the perfect synergy of climate and soil to create wines that are crisp, elegant and fresh. And if you like those, I've got a few more taste treats to try.

FIRST STOP, MARLBOROUGH

You may want to start your sampling with Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014 (93 points and #21 of Top 100 for 2015 *Wine Spectator*, \$26.99), one of the definitive examples of bright, elegant and generous New Zealand sauvignon blancs. With aromas of lime and grapefruit and flavors of citrus, stone, lemongrass, ginger and honeysuckle, this wine sings with fresh acidity and complexity. Try it with Thai-style chicken salad, grilled asparagus and lamb with salsa verde.

White peach, celery, melon, mango and zesty citrus aromas announce Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014 (89 points *Wine Spectator*, \$17.99) in the glass. On the palate, tropical fruit and melon flavors accompany a silky texture and





a crisp, herbal finish. It's even better when accompanied with goat cheese, salmon with dill, or green curry dishes.

For pleasure on a budget, Mount Fishtail Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014 (\$12.99) bursts with vibrant grapefruit, lime, green apple and fresh-cut grass flavors and aromas. Kick up your feet and sip this wine by itself or accompanied by Caprese salads, mango, papaya and dishes accented with fresh herbs and citrus.

BRANCHING OUT

Even if you love the zesty flavors of New Zealand sauvignon blancs,

there may come a time when you feel ready to branch out and try something new. But it can be tricky to pick a new varietal of wine if you haven't tried it. Tasting notes help, but it can still be hard to imagine the taste of the untested wine.

Well, I'm here to save you some uncertainty by suggesting a few delicious selections with similar characteristics to a great sauvignon blanc! Here are five styles from around the world that delight the palate with the same verve as a young sauvignon blanc.

Verdejo. Verdejo (ver-DAY-ho), a grape variety from Rueda in Spain is bursting with citrus and herbaceous notes, and is the Spanish equivalent

of sauvignon blanc.

Sip Bodegas Naia Rueda Verdejo 2014 (\$14.99), a wine with the distinctive character of limes, kiwi, grass and nuts with a long, dry finish. This wine shines with green freshness and goes well with vinaigrettes, nuts, olives and seafood paella.

Grüner Veltliner. Found most commonly in Austria, Grüner Veltliner (GREW-ner VELT-lee-ner)—or Gru-Ve (groovy) as it's been cutely nicknamed—displays green apple, lime, mineral and white pepper notes, with stunning acidity. Try **Laurenz V and Sophie Singing Grüner Veltliner Niederösterreich 2013** (89 points *Wine Enthusiast*, \$17.99) with clean citrus and pear aromas, a juicy palate, and typical peppery spiciness. It's a great match with grilled artichokes, veal and clams.

Picpoul de Pinet. Meaning lip stinger, Picpoul de Pinet (peek-pool) is a crisp white known for its tangy quality and good value. This wine is most commonly seen from Pinet, on the Mediterranean coast of Southern France, but it's also one of Châteauneuf-du-Pape's 13 allowed grapes. Pick up a bottle of **Domaine Font Mars Picpoul de Pinet 2014** (\$12.99) a light, electric wine with flavors of grapefruit, lime, green apple and apricot. You'll love it with salmon, swordfish and oysters.

Vermentino. Planted mainly on the Mediterranean



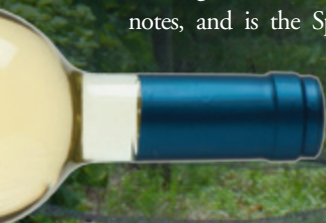
island of Sardinia,

Vermentino (ver-men-TEEN-oh) is a high-acid wine with lovely citrus aromas that serves as a great sauvignon blanc substitute. Both food-friendly and crowd-pleasing, **Argiolas Costamolino Vermentino 2014** (89 points *Vinous*, \$14.99) shows soft aromas of citrus, stone fruits and honey, with zippy acidity and flavors of pineapple, papaya, flint and moss. Pair with pasta primavera and shrimp cocktail.

Torrontés. With notes of roses, jasmine, honeysuckle and tropical fruits, Torrontés (tor-ron-TESS) is a very aromatic and floral varietal native to Argentina. **Kaiken Terroir Series Torrontés Salta 2014** (91 points *James Suckling*, \$16.99) jumps out of the glass with intense aromas of roses, peaches, rosemary, orange peel and minerals. This well-balanced, lively wine with a lingering finish is the perfect front-porch sipper! It also pairs perfectly with summer squash and Thai and Indian dishes.

Whether you stick with the delicious, tried-and-true New Zealand sauvignon blancs or experiment with another of these satisfying sippers, I hope you find time this summer to kick back, open a bottle and enjoy! ♦

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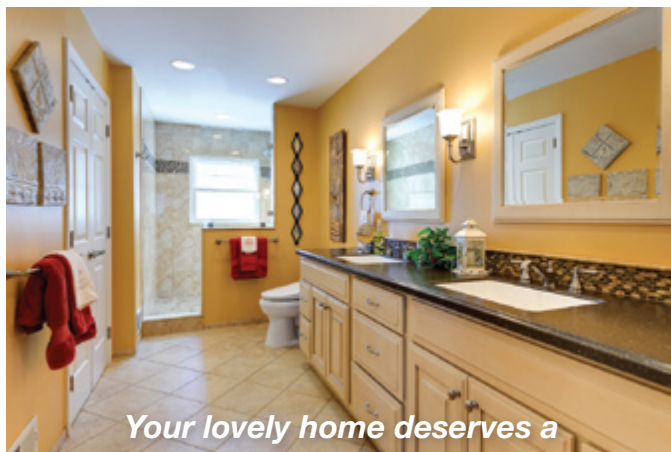


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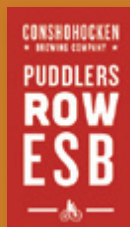
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HOT SUMMER DAYS ARE UPON US AND, LUCKILY, the craft beer business has never been hotter. Statistics from the recent Craft Brewers Conference in Philadelphia showed that while the total U.S. beer market volume was down 0.2% in 2015, the craft beer segment was up a substantial 13%. And, the number of breweries (4,269) as of December 31, 2015 represented an impressive 15% increase over 2014.

A big part of that brewery increase is related to the growth of the craft beer sector. As this sector of beer brewing—referred to through the years as micro, craft and more recently, independent—has matured, opportunities to experience its tasty products have multiplied.

And this is great news for craft beer fans!

HOT BREWERIES

A quick way to find great taste is to visit the hot breweries closest to your home turf. And fortunately, here in the western Philly region, we have a wealth of brewing talent to sample. Searching for breweries that are medal winners at beer judging competitions—like the Great American Beer Festival last fall (more on that in October's column)—is one way to organize your pilgrimage.

Or let the more recent and prestigious World Beer Cup awards presented in Philadelphia be your guide. Gold medals went back home with **Stoudts** (for its very seasonally appropriate Maibock), **Lancaster Brewing** (for a black lager called Jump Seat), and **Iron Hill of Lancaster** (for the perennial excellent Bedotter Belgian Tripel). Go for the gold!

Scoring silver medals were the **Iron Hills of West Chester** (Overload Coffee Imperial Stout) and **Media** (for the Solzhenitsyn, an imperial stout, and the medal-winning mainstay Russian Imperial Stout), as well as **Conshohocken Brewing Company** (for the stylistically very well-done Puddler's Row ESB—extra special bitters). And a bronze medal went to **Spring House Brewing Company**, south of Lancaster, for its Kerplunk Imperial Chocolate Stout. All worth trying.

What else is hot: A number of young, growing breweries are finding their footing as they celebrate first, second and third anniversaries. As other previously small- and medium-sized breweries grow much larger (think Victory Brewing), beer fans are finding value in the new, small quality brewing establishments that are quickly filling the void.

What's trending down: The Brewer's Association reported that 67 brewing establishments nationwide closed in 2015. But, there was only one closing in our region!

HOT STYLES

The hot breweries mentioned earlier clearly impressed the World Beer Cup judges. Happily, the styles they're brewing are popular with beer fans as well.

Yet, as most beer drinkers know, the ubiquitous IPAs (India pale ales) have shown tremendous sustained popularity over the years.



A perennial award winner from Iron Hill.

And as IPAs became the first choice of craft beer novices, the “bitter beer face” was an oft-sighted facial reaction to drinking these often intensely bitter hopped beers.

But now, other styles are showing noteworthy growth. In fact, a cousin to the bitter face may be the “sour beer pucker face,” which is spotted with increasing frequency. If you spend

much time at bars with diverse beer menus, you’ve likely noticed the growing popularity of the wild aromas and flavors in the broad category of sour beers—brewed intentionally to be acidic, tart or sour (e.g., Belgian lambics and German goses).

Wild, actually, is a perfect descriptor. The primary driver of the unique aromas and flavors—ranging from fruity to funky—in these sour beers are the yeast and bacteria used in the fermentation process. “Wild” can refer to “out in the wild,” as in airborne yeasts and bacteria that are permitted to fall into the open fermentation vessels. Similarly, the wild flavors and aromas can come from the same yeasts and bacteria locked away in the nooks and crannies of wood barrels used for aging beer.

Some breweries use controlled versions of these critters propagated, grown and maintained in a lab. Other breweries, such as

Allagash Brewing Company in Portland, Maine, continue the open-air fermentation in vessels called Coolships or Koelschips that allow contact of the cooling wort with the surrounding air.

What else is hot: Coffee is appearing in everything from brown ales to stouts to even, yes, IPAs. Saison-style beers, often referred to as Farmhouse Ales—rustic, light body, dry finish—have never been hotter. Hard Ciders, while not beer, are taking off with the beer-loving public.

What’s trending down: We need another year or two to see if pumpkin beers are cooling off.

TOO HOT TO HOLD

You’ll need a special piece of glassware to hold that hot beer appropriately. As I wrote in the January issue of *County Lines*, glassware has become a critical component in beer appreciation. Festivals feature souvenir tasting glasses. Beer dinners provide special glasses to use during the pairings and a clean one to take home. Bottle shop tastings include glassware giveaways.

What else is hot: You’ll see other functional merchandise such as bottle opener/memory sticks, slap-koozies and coasters.

What’s trending down: The common, straight-edged, stackable shaker pint glass continues to lose popularity among both retailers and beer aficionados.

COMPETITION YIELDS HOT COLLABORATIONS

You may have noticed an intersection of pop culture and craft brewing like never

before, with craft beer commercials and product placement in television shows and movies. Breweries such as BrewDog (Scotland) and Dogfish Head (Delaware) have had their own TV shows and others have worked to create specially themed beers.

For brewing collaboration, one of the earliest examples happened in 2006 between Adam Avery and Vinnie Cilurzo of Avery Brewing Company and Russian River Brewing Company, respectively. The beer was called Collaboration, Not Litigation and was an answer to a decade overflowing with cease-and-desist orders and other legal actions between breweries competing for brand names, shelf space and consumers.



Themed beers based on TV shows and rock bands are growing.

What else is hot: More theme beer. HBO collaborated with Brewery Ommegang on a series of beers tied to the *Game of Thrones* television show. *The Walking Dead* has its own Blood Orange IPA made by Terrapin in Georgia. There’s even an Iron Maiden tribute beer made by a UK brewery.

What’s trending down: The scene may be more competitive than ever, yet the enduring original spirit of craft beer is still alive. Brewers enjoy getting together and consumers get new beers from these new relationships. Whether there’s a downside to that, time will tell.

FORECAST CALLS FOR MORE HEAT

Some beer styles are perfectly suited for the heat of summer. Classic German- and Czech-style pilsner, lightly tart German gose



Yes, these are the beers from the Game of Thrones collaboration.

ales, and light American wheat and German Hefeweizens quench a summer's thirst.

Others bring the heat to the party. Nationally, the Ballast Point Habañero Sculpin takes the already wildly popular IPA from San Diego and adds a noticeable blast of habañero heat. Locally, Free Will Brewing Company's Safeword IPA packs a blistering wallop of habañero peppers that lingers, even while tempered, barely, by sweet mango fruit.

What else is hot: Beyond these spicy habañero beers, breweries have been known to add such offbeat ingredients as cayenne, lemongrass, cucumbers, gingerbread and even parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme (in Victory's collaboration with Dogfish Head and Stone Brewing Company—Saison du BUFF) much to the delight of their big flavor-seeking fans.

What's trending down: While lovers of extreme flavored beer continue their rabid support of these unique brews, some say it's time to dial it back and return to solid traditional style beers.

HOT ON THE BEER TRAIL

As beer's popularity has continued to grow, tour group operators and tourism agencies have responded accordingly. Beer and Ale Trails have popped up and string together local collections of brewing establishments—Philly Brew Tours hits 15 spots and the Susquehanna Ale Trail includes 14 breweries and brewpubs. Participating breweries often offer specials and incentives to visitors at each stop.

What else is hot: For those with more vacation time and larger budgets, try pilgrimages to the source of your favorite beer styles—English bitters, German lagers and Belgian Trappist ales. There's a tour to fit your thirst.

What's trending down: Drinking and driving. With car services and tour opera-



Shaker pint glass is losing favor.

tors of every stripe available, there's no reason to get behind the wheel after enjoying a great beer. ♦

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Fresh Food For All. Back on the road for a second season, the **Fresh2you Mobile Market** returns—with this year's route expanding to Coatesville, Honey Brook, West Chester and Southern Chester County. The program works with the Chester County Food Bank's Agriculture Program and a network of local farmers to make sure Chester County's under-served communities have access to fresh, nutritional and affordable food. Plus there are cooking demos, recipes and healthy tips. Get involved at ChesterCountyFoodBank.org.



'Tis the Season for Buying Local.

Buying produce in season is tough in colder months, but July is a joy! Chester County Agricultural Council's **Guide to Local Farm Products in Chester County** says this month is peak harvest for many favorites—leafy greens, root veggies and staples like onions, peppers and tomatoes. Don't forget fabulous fruit—peaches, melons and berries are ripe for buying. Find the comprehensive guide at ChesCo.org/AGDEV/FarmGuide.

Screaming For Ice Cream. The perfect month for melt-in-your-mouth frozen delights, July is, no surprise, **National Ice Cream Month!** Instead of sticking with your tried-and-true favorites, get creative by whipping up some summer-inspired recipes. Lemonade, toasted marshmallow, coconut, cotton candy—the list goes on ... Didja know July is also **National Blueberry Month?** Try combining the two for a healthy-ish treat. For more yummy recipes, check out Pinterest.com/CountyLines. Next month Brandywine Table focuses on more frozen desserts.

Prized Pizza.

We don't just have some of the best beer around—we have the best pizza, too! With Philly ranking #4 on The Daily Meal's Top 10 list, Chester County pie-fans are close but still a drive to the critics' top

picks. Luckily great pizza is available, with **Lorenzo and Sons Pizza** opening recently in West Chester and plans for **Pizzeria Vetri** at the King of Prussia Mall in October. More at LorenzoAndSonsPizza.com and PizzeriaVetri.com.





RELIVING SCHOOL DAYS: THE RIGHT WHEELS CAN MITIGATE THE STRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

Jack Smith

"**S**HOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?" asks a current TV commercial. On the one hand, it could be like old times—the chance to relive our youth and rekindle old friendships while laughing over youthful indiscretions and nicknames whose origins are long forgotten. With any luck you might avenge old slights or walk off into the sunset with the prom queen.

On the other hand, it could be nightmare. Who needs to be reminded of the trauma of adolescence, of teenage heartbreaks, and getting wedged at the water fountain? For that matter, the present could be as cruel as the past for the one-time cheerleader who's packed on the pounds or the erstwhile football hero last seen bagging groceries at the Pig 'n Whistle. What difference does it make if you have a string of post-graduate degrees to your name, but they still won't let you sit at the cool table?

Let's face it, few social rituals can be so laden with tension and angst as a high school reunion.

And few can be so revealing. As a college undergraduate, I spent one summer in the Poconos pouring drinks for returning grads at a popular reunion venue. My mentor in this work was Stan, a man who'd spent decades observing his clientele.

As Stan observed one sun-swept afternoon, in between setting up the gin and tonics, while reunions are all different, they all followed a pattern. "The 10th reunion classes are generally happy to see each other. They haven't changed that much since high school, they still enjoy playing touch football and tossing a Frisbee around. They don't want to seem stodgy but at the same time, they want to show they're on the fast track."

Things are more stressful at the 25th reunions. "They're more tense affairs," said Stan. "Male or female, everyone knows he or she is no longer a kid. Keg parties are replaced by wine tastings. The men are worried about younger rivals, making partner, or making the next alimony payment. The women tend to drink



BMW 330e for your 10th reunion



Lexus LS600 for your 50th reunion

too much and point out the guys they could have married. The men no longer joke about their waistline or losing their hair, they're too sophisticated for that. And they're lousy tippers."

By the 50th reunion, however, the returning alumni have mellowed. "At this point the most important thing is just showing up," said Stan. "The 60-some-things no longer feel they have to impress anyone. The older and more successful they are, the stronger their ties to the old alma mater. They have no qualms about sporting their old school colors and waving pennants during reunion weekends."

But no matter how long we've been out of school, regardless how successful we might be, nobody ever outgrows the impulse to make a favorable impression. All of which leads us to the most visible symbol of our social and economic standing—the car we drive.

BMW Time. For the 10th reunion classes, this dictates the 2016 BMW 330e. This is the environmentally friendly, plug-in hybrid version of the 3 Series sedan familiar to generations of car buffs as the Ultimate Driving Machine. It tempts with the look and amenities of the regular 3 Series but with an ultra-efficient gas-electric hybrid powertrain, sophisticated driving dynamics and an all-electric mode designed to produce zero emissions while moving through city traffic or commuting. The rear-wheel-drive sedan's power comes from a gas and electric tandem good for a combined 252 horsepower and 310 pounds-feet of torque.

As befits a favorite of young, tech savvy professionals, the 330e comes standard with climate controls that can be activated by a button on the car key or preprogrammed

by either the BMW ConnectedDrive smart-phone app or iDrive, the digital operating system notorious for driving an earlier generation of owners crazy.

Drive the Jag. Twenty-five years after graduating from high school, the class of 1991 has developed sophisticated tastes and nothing bespeaks style and class like the 2016 Jaguar F-Type drop top. Let's face it, if you're going to have a midlife crisis, this is the car to have it in.

It's not fair to think of Jaguar's new convertible as mere transportation, it's an indulgence for the senses. From the outside, the curves of its carosserie (chassis, in a lesser model) are a delight to the eye. Once inside you can select the light to suit your mood with Jaguar's Configurable Interior Mood Lighting. The acoustics are as exciting as its optics, while the exhaust, rumbling from its twin ventral pipes, can be turned to produce a symphonic effect.

Finally there's the distinctive adrenal rush of G-forces as its supercharged, 380 hpV8 catapults driver and passenger from zero to 60 in 4.8 seconds. The standard F Type is priced from \$68,000 but for \$27,100 more you get carbon fiber touches in the interior, contrasting red stitching, and a small British flag embossed in the seats. It all exudes refinement and sex appeal, the tried and true antidote to class reunion blues. Only a spoilsport would point out that Jaguar is now owned by Tata, a company in India.

Lexus at last. By the 50th reunion tastes in motoring have changed dramatically. Aging Baby Boomers no longer crave an exciting ride; they'll save the drama for the boardroom. On the road they prize safety and comfort with a dash of social consciousness.

For many, the car that embodies all these virtues in a stately package laden with conveniences and luxury amenities is the Lexus LS600. True, its styling is sober as a judge, but the big Lexus hybrid isn't about turning heads. It's the vehicle that proves you can have your environmental cake and eat it gluten-free, if you're willing to fork over \$120,000 for the privilege.

The LS 600h teams a gasoline V8 with a duo of electric motors to offer 389 hp, comparable to that of a V12, while earning a Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle (SULEV) rating. And yet the big Lexus rushes from zero to 60 in a scant 5.5 seconds.

As befits a full-sized luxury vehicle, the Lexus is laden with extras. These include front and rear parking sensors, keyless ignition and entry, heated and ventilated front and rear seats, power-reclining rear seats with massage functions, a heated and power-adjustable steering wheel, a rear-seat refrigerator (really!), navigation system, Siri-based control system for iPhone users, rearview camera, Bluetooth and a 19-speaker Mark Levinson sound system.

As Stan advised me, he always headed for the reunion tents with Lexuses parked nearby. "They're generous tippers." ♦

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